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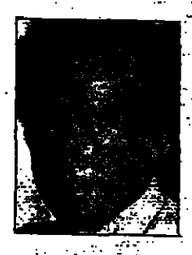

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TONY WHITE

Diplomatic channel: Sir Christopher Mallaby, our new man in Paris, strides off to France from the tunnel entrance near Dover yesterday. Report, page 3

MPs offer cabinet an escape from pits fiasco

BY JILL SHERMAN AND ROSS TIEMAN

■ Half of Britain's 31 threatened coal mines are likely to be saved, although the future for individual pits remains unclear after yesterday's publication of the all-party report on the coal industry

THE cabinet came under mounting pressure last night to surrender its pit closure programme after MPs outlined a £500 million rescue package that could save at least half the 31 threatened collieries.

The report from the Tory-dominated Commons trade and industry select committee is expected to form the basis for a government retreat to be announced in a white paper next month. Its proposals were welcomed by British Coal and most energy sectors apart from the gas industry, but they were condemned by Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers.

The report, which calls for a coal subsidy over five years to boost the market by at least 16 million tonnes, lists a menu of options for Michael Heseltine, with different costs and varying levels of intervention. The President of the Board of Trade described the report as an "important contribution to the debate" and made clear that it would strongly influence the government's "modified" proposals for coal. He defended the economic argument for closing 31 pits and making 30,000 miners redundant, but suggested that had been overriden by the political reality of the recession and high unemployment.

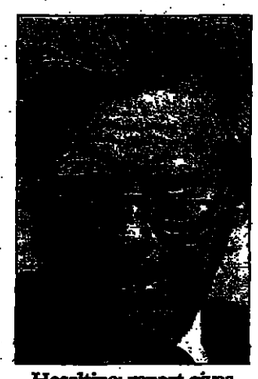
The report is likely to strengthen Mr Heseltine's hand in calling for an extra subsidy to bail out the coal industry in the medium term. Conservatives who voted against the government in October last night backed the committee, warning Mr Heseltine that they would reject his plans if he offered a smaller concession. Mr Heseltine will, however, have to come up with a package that reassures right-wingers in the cabinet who oppose a hefty subsidy.

The cabinet coal committee, which gave a "progress report" to the prime minister yesterday, is thought to be working on a package similar to that proposed by the select committee, with a multi-million pound subsidy over three to five years. John Major will spend the weekend in Huntingdon studying the two reports ready for a cabinet discussion on Thursday.

Ministers are said to be divided on how the subsidy should be funded, and there is pressure from the Treasury for it to be earmarked as a special grant, rather than being switched from the nuclear levy as the select committee recommends.

Lord Wakeham, chairman of the cabinet coal committee, indicated last night that there was scope to save "many" pits. "If productivity improvement can be implemented and cost reductions achieved, there is a scope for many pits to improve their performance costs significantly within three to five years." But he added: "It must be borne in mind that any government intervention to help coal is likely to have effects elsewhere."

Members of the select committee yesterday reflected party views on how far the coal industry could be helped. Keith Hampson, MP for Leeds North West, said that at least 12 million extra tonnes could be produced which could be pushed to 16 million tonnes, saving about half the pits. But he added it would be



Heseltine: report gives backing to subsidies

unfortunate for the mining communities if the report gave the impression that there was "a grand and glorious expanding future" for the industry.

Labour MPs, including the chairman Richard Caborn, believe that well over 20 pits could be saved, and Mr Caborn pointed out when he [illegible] the report yesterday [illegible] committee's rescue [illegible] considerably less [illegible] investment package announced last October.

The findings were broadly welcomed by British Coal and independent experts. Neil Clarke, the British Coal chairman, said the findings confirmed his board's contention that only "a radical transformation" of the market would change prospects for many collieries, and its findings pointed the way to "a more stable and secure future for our miners". He said British Coal could supply an extra 15 million tonnes of coal at the prices it had offered the generators. If it were given the chance to do so, "at least 10 more deep mines" would be needed next year.

That assessment was condemned as too conservative by Malcolm Edwards, British Coal's former commercial director, who said the report offered Michael Heseltine a "menu" of measures that could be used to increase the coal market by up to 25 million tonnes of coal a year. If Mr Heseltine followed the recommendations in full, he said, "you are looking at 40-odd pits in the mid 1990s" rather than the 20 envisaged under British Coal's original closure plan.

While Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, congratulated the committee for a "helpful report", Mr Scargill said the committee had failed to address the "rigged market" that blocked higher coal sales. He called for an intensified campaign to save every pit. "We find it incredible that the select committee has refused to recommend the phasing out of expensive nuclear power," he said. "Even more inexplicably, the committee has refused to recommend stopping the 'dash for gas'."

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Croats struggle to avert dam disaster

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS AT THE PERUCA DAM

CROAT engineers yesterday frantically shored up a hydro-electric dam damaged during fighting with Serbian forces and began draining its mountain reservoir to prevent a wall of water devastating Dalmatian farmland where 20,000 people live.

Authorities said they had averted an immediate risk of the 190ft-high Peruca Dam collapsing by pouring gravel and rocks into a collapsed section of the barrier, which previously generated 120 million kilowatts of electricity through four power stations. Engineers admitted, however, that they would not know the extent of the damage to the foundations of the dam until they drained its reservoir. This will take at least ten days as only one sluice is functioning. Britain is sending three engineers to Croatia today to advise local experts on how to repair the dam, after a request for help.

Croatian authorities say that Serb militiamen detonated explosives in an interior tunnel of the dam after chasing away Kenyan peacekeeping troops on Wednesday. Serb forces in the Krajina enclave of Croatia say the damage was inflicted by Croatian artillery.

Croatian soldiers recaptured the barrier on Thursday. Yellow tip-up trucks carrying earth and gravel choked the narrow mountain road leading to the dam yesterday as Croatian forces pursued the Serbs to secure the area from artillery fire.

"The people downstream of the dam are very worried," said Professor Petar Stojic, a member of the International Commission for Large Dams as he inspected the damage. "If there is a tidal wave, many villages and farms would be lost."

The Croatian prime minister, Hrvoje Sarinic, a former hydroelectric engineer, also visited the scene and peered at the mangled, half submerged wreckage of the pumping station and the hydroelectric plant next to the barrier. Plans have been made to evacuate 20,000 people if necessary. Drainage of the reservoir will mean electricity rationing for many Croats.

The morale of Croatian troops remains high after their rapid recapture of the dam, which was taken by the Serbs in 1991. The fighting has opened a second front in the Croatian offensive that began a week ago with the capture of a strategic bridge near the resort of Zadar linking northern and southern Croatia, and the seizure of the airport serving Zadar.

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MPs back private bill to curb the press

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MPs fired a warning shot to the newspaper industry yesterday by backing a bill that would impose new curbs on the press, despite personal opposition to the measures from John Major.

A day after the prime minister issued libel writs against two magazines for publishing rumours about his private life, the Commons voted by 119 to 16 that the press freedom and responsibility bill put forward by Clive Soley, the Labour MP, should be given a second reading. The division on the measure, which would impose a legal duty on newspapers to correct inaccuracies, came against the background of intense argument at Westminster about the conduct of the press after a series of reports about public figures. Mr Major said yesterday that he would not support the measures.

Mr Soley said after winning the vote that editors and proprietors should recognise the feeling in Parliament about press abuses, do something about journalistic standards and "give people the right to accuracy".

The low turnout of Conservative MPs in the lobbies and the muted nature of debate suggested that the Commons remains hesitant about engaging in a trial of strength with the newspaper industry.

The government decided against blocking Mr Soley's bill because it believes that it offers a useful vehicle for debate, but it does not intend to let it reach the statute book. Robert Key, the junior national heritage minister, said the bill was premature and misconceived and indicated that it would not proceed beyond its committee stage.

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Bishops condemn run on Ireland's currency

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

A GROUP of Ireland's most influential Roman Catholic bishops yesterday condemned currency speculators who last week launched a fearsome attack on the Irish punt as having held the nation to ransom.

Bishop Michael Smith said: "This damages the country's future and is at the expense of the common good. It cannot be condoned and is contrary to any Christian principle."

After three days in which the Irish punt has struggled to remain above its floor in the European exchange-rate mechanism, speculation was rife in currency markets that the Irish authorities may have to devalue or float the punt outside the system.

The government received a serious blow to its efforts to avoid either after Ireland's two leading banks raised the interest rates charged to their best business customers to 28 per cent. Yesterday, a third of Dublin companies said they would have to sack people if the currency crisis continued.

Chris Johns, chief economist at the Bank of Ireland, said: "The monetary squeeze in Ireland is far greater than ever faced by Britain."

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Lewis takes on Christie in sprint for pot of gold

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

CARL LEWIS has agreed to a head-to-head race over 100 metres against Linford Christie, which could net Britain's Olympic gold medal winner $250,000, (£165,000) at a rate of roughly $25,000 a second.

It will be the race that failed to take place in last summer's Olympic Games in Barcelona when Christie triumphed. Lewis, for years the golden boy of world athletics, had failed to make the team at the American trials because he was unwell.

A secret agreement to stage the race was struck some months ago. Details are not yet confirmed but the race could take place in Las Vegas, Nevada, on May 29.

Last night Joe Douglas, Lewis's manager, was due to meet representatives of HBO, the American cable television company, to discuss the package, which includes a long jump challenge between Lewis and Mike Powell on the same day. "I would say it was 60-40 that it will happen," Mr Douglas said.

At Barcelona, Lewis won the gold medal in the long jump ahead of Powell, who had taken his world title from him the previous year.

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Merchants of gloom selling Britain short, says Major

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major turned on the "merchants of gloom" last night, branding his critics as unpatriotic and insisting that Britain was within reach of a renewed era of prosperity.

Buoyed by his success in finalising a deal worth up to £5 billion to supply Tornado planes to Saudi Arabia, Mr Major sought to dispel the pessimism that has descended over his backbenchers and much of the country with the latest batch of grim economic news on jobs, the trade deficit and retail sales.

Striving to rebuild business and consumer confidence, Mr Major said that the national talent for self-deprecation could be taken too far. Speaking at a Tory fund-raising dinner in Glasgow, he said: "We have a genius for running ourselves down.

"It baffles our friends abroad. They see in recent years we have achieved much. They see our strengths: a stable political system; a tolerant and open society; a rich heritage that gives us stability and continuity. They see a country which has great opportunities and so do I. It's time to start selling Britain abroad, and stop selling Britain short."

Mr Major pointed to inflation below the European average and interest rates lower than anywhere in the EC as reasons for optimism about the country's prospects. The American market was expanding and the rise of the dollar had given Britain a new competitive advantage. The Tornado deal had been a "huge boost for British jobs" and it was time to build on that kind of success for manufacturing industry.

The 1990s would be the most competitive decade business had ever seen. The choice was to invest in new technology and training and thrive, or stagnate and simply survive.

"The circumstances are right and the need is obvious. We need merchant venturers, not merchants of gloom."

Mr Major also highlighted national and Scottish success in attracting inward investment. It reflected rising productivity and record lows in working days lost to strikes.

Turning to the union between Scotland and England, Mr Major hinted at a bigger role for the Scottish Office and for the Scottish Grand Committee, which consists of all the country's MPs and meets in Edinburgh and Westminster to debate Scottish issues.

Bleak prospects for jobs dominate visit

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
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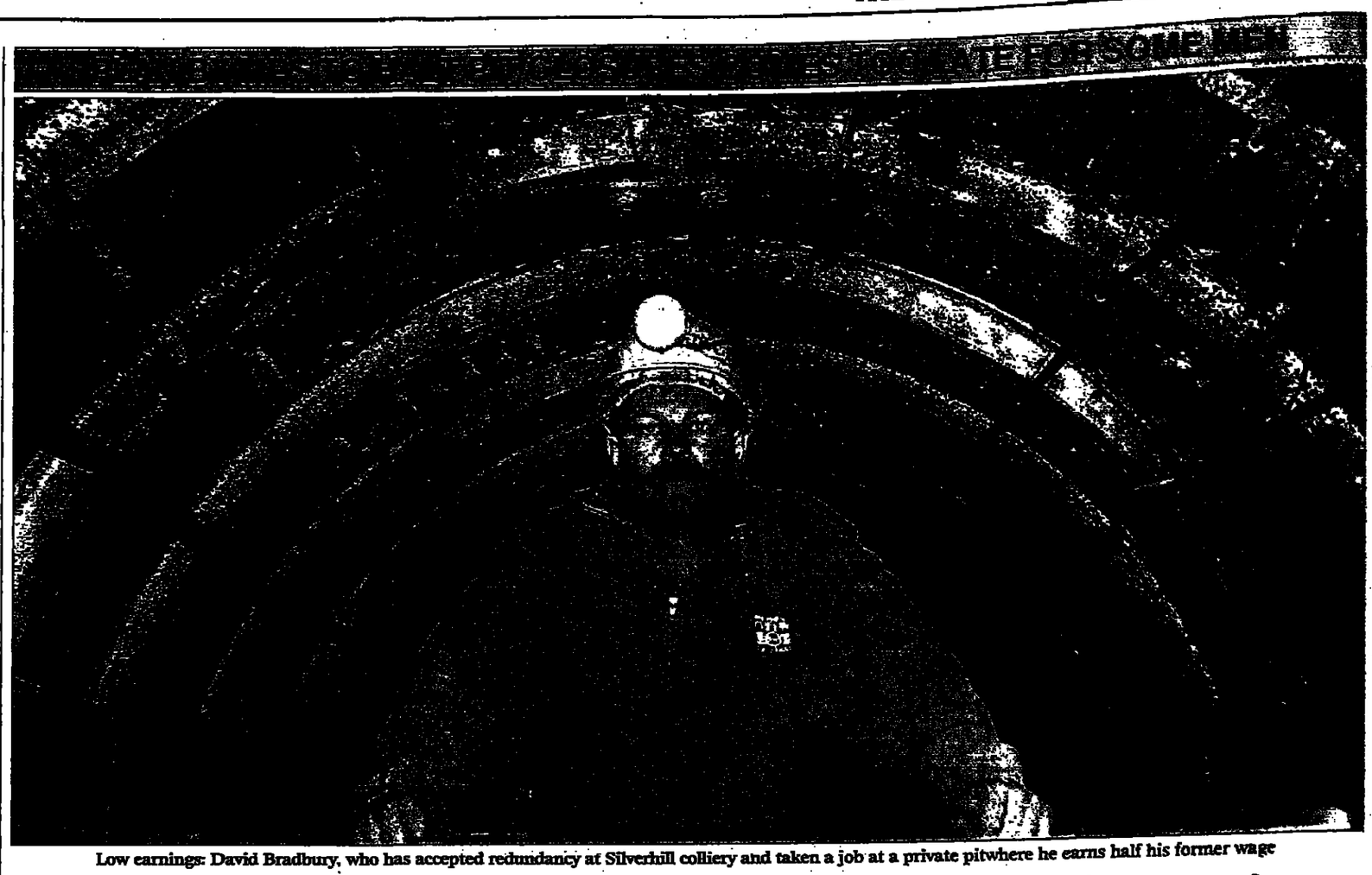
JOHN Major flew to Glasgow last night and into the growing controversy over his government's plans to privatise Scottish water and to reform the country's system of local government. But these concerns were overshadowed by the deep recession in Scotland.

Among the first to greet the prime minister last night were workers from Rosyth Dockyard in Fife, anxious about their jobs and the future of their industry. News that the government plans to give Scotland more say in making policy did little to allay their fears that they may soon join the 250,000 Scots on the dole.

David Jenkins, chief economist for The Bank of Scotland, says that the recession in Scotland is now as deep as much of England with the textile, steel and coal industries most severely affected. "Scotland went into recession later than the South East because it is not as highly debt leveraged. We were not as badly affected by high interest rates but by the same token we will not benefit as much from a reduction in interest rates," he said.

The latest government statistics show that there are a quarter of a million people unemployed in Scotland and, according to the latest Confederation of British Industry economic report, nearly 40 per cent of Scottish companies taking part in its industrial trends survey expect to shed jobs in the next four months.

Scotland's unemployment rate is 9.9 per cent, compared with the national average of 10.5 per cent, but is expected to grow at about 3,500 a month. By the end of this year Scotland, will have an unemployment rate of about 11.5 per cent and will have overtaken the UK average, Mark McFarland, of the Fraser of Allander Institute for economic forecasting, said.



Low earnings: David Bradbury, who has accepted redundancy at Silverhill colliery and taken a job at a private pitwhere he earns half his former wage

MPs press for £500m scheme to rescue half of threatened pits

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ MPs believe that a medium-term subsidy of £5 per tonne could save 16 pits if miners adopt new working practices

AN ALL-PARTY committee of MPs demanded a £500 million package yesterday to boost the coal market by 16 million tonnes a year and save half the pits threatened with closure.

The Commons trade and industry select committee also suggested that further uncosted financial help should be given to help British Coal to sell an extra three million tonnes a year to businesses other than suppliers of electricity.

It says in a report that any of the 31 pits that might still be earmarked for closure should be put into the full colliery review procedure, which can take up to nine months to complete, agreed between British coal and trade unions. Before any pits close all the available coal should be extracted.

Launching the report yesterday, Richard Caborn, the committee's Labour chairman, pointed out that the new subsidy would cost less than half of the cost of the government's proposed redundancy and retraining package announced in October. "The report lays the foundations for British Coal's survival and future prosperity and it outlines a framework within which a balanced energy framework could flourish," Mr Caborn said. But he gave a warning that political will and action were needed from the government and British Coal to implement the recommendations.

The report does not specify a number of pits to close nor does it give precise costings on its options. MPs believe, however, that the market can be increased by at least 16 million tonnes, saving about 16 pits, by retaining franchises held by regional electricity companies (RECs) until at least 1998.

That would be conditional on the RECs agreeing to contract for a larger quantity of electricity generated from British coal. But the companies could be forced to buy electricity generated from the extra tonnages by making the retention of each franchise dependent on doing so. The MPs said that at the same time the coal would be made more competitive on world markets by subsidising the cost of its extraction by more than £5 a tonne.

MPs were mainly in favour of switching some of the £1.2 billion annual nuclear levy to support the coal industry, although they do not rule out a direct grant from the Treasury. The costs of the five-year programme would fall sharply from about £200 million in 1993-4 to £70 million in 1995-6, and to about £50 million in the fifth year. "Although there is much uncertainty about the precise level of subsidy that would be required it seems unlikely that it would exceed a total of £500 million over the five years to 1998," the report says.

The report argues that the nuclear subsidy, which now adds 11p per £ to electricity bills, is higher than it needs to be for decomissioning costs and that at least £380 million a year could be switched for other purposes without any extra cost to the electricity consumer. The coal subsidy could be phased out by 1998 when British coal could become competitive with the world market.

The 126-page report from the Tory-dominated committee smacks of a huge compromise between Labour and Tory MPs. The 39 recommendations, many of which would require legislation, include a number of options which could boost the coal tonnage further but at greater expense to the government. Members of the committee yesterday interpreted the report to range from an extra 12 million tonnes to 25 million tonnes if the use of other fuels is limited. Industry experts say more than 20 of the 31 pits could be saved in the short term, declining to ten to fifteen within two to three years.

The MPs call for working practices in the pits to be reformed, for opencast coal output to be cut and for British Nuclear Fuels to stop receiving income from the fossil fuel levy. In addition the government's planned review of nuclear power should be brought forward from 1994 to this year.

Other recommendations include setting up an energy commission to consider both the nation's strategic energy requirements and the industry's commercial interests; resisting the introduction of a carbon or energy tax; making electricity supplies from France non-leviable; requiring the generators to hold total stocks of not less than 20 million tonnes of coal.

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Debts force miners to take redundancy

BY PAUL WILKINSON

MOUNTING debts are forcing miners at collieries marked for closure to take redundancy, despite a desire to hang on to their jobs in the hope that their pits will be saved.

The promise of unlimited overtime and an apparent guarantee of a job for life in the golden days encouraged the men to extend their debt burden, but now many are receiving only the basic wage as they clock on each morning and are sent home.

"Not so long ago you could work as long as you liked. British Coal was offering as much overtime as you could take. It was easy to live beyond your means, a few hours extra would cover it," said David Bradbury, a former deputy and official with the Union of Democratic Mineworkers (UDM) at Silverhill colliery, Nottinghamshire, who although not himself in debt, decided to call it a day at the end of last year.

"Now they are getting just the basic they cannot live on it, they are running into debt," he said. "Several of the lads who have taken redundancy at Silverhill just recently have only done it to pay off some big bills."

Silverhill, which employed 820 when its instant closure was announced last October, has lost a quarter of its workforce. Its temporary reprieve for a mimimum 90-day review left its miners in limbo. They sign on each day for the chance of some employment on basic safety work but are more likely to be sent home. Two of the pit's three faces which provided fuel for local power stations, have already been lost through lack of continuous mining.

Alan Batterham, the Silverhill UDM president, said: "The lads coming in now for redundancy counselling don't want to go, but they have bills to sort out. It's very sad.

"I had a young lad with me today who is facing a huge overdraft, he wants to hold on but he needs the money desperately."

David Bradbury was only persuaded to go by the offer of another job in a newly opened private pit, even though it meant a cut in wages and worse working conditions. "It was a difficult decision to make. The atmosphere at Silverhill was brilliant, we had a very good manager and I have some good friends there. It was hard to leave them. I thought about it for weeks and weeks, but I decided to do it before there was a rush," he said. "I got fed up with doing nothing all day."

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Salesman picks up £12m commission

A freelance salesman who clinched a £147 million export order from Pakistan for a fuel-saving device will receive about £12 million in commission. Jack Lockwood, 55, of Brighouse, West Yorkshire, owes his fortune to a chance meeting in a night-club between his daughter, Jane, 24, and an exporter looking for such a device. "She was so enthusiastic about the fuel catalyser that the man was impressed. It all developed from there," he said.

The catalyser, which cuts consumption and engine wear from poor-quality fuel, was developed and manufactured by Power Makers in Clwyd. It was tested in Pakistan and found to live up to its specification of improving fuel consumption by 8 to 15 per cent.

John Hill, managing director of Power Makers, said yesterday that Mr Lockwood's commission could amount to about £12 million over the next three years. The orders will mean expansion for his company and 82 more jobs. "When negotiations with Pakistan began about four months ago no one realised the scale of their interest." Mr Lockwood, who will share the money with his daughter, said: "There is another big deal in the pipeline which could potentially mean £10 million to us."

Chemicals firm fined

A £6 million chemical plant blaze in Bradford which led briefly to a toxic pollution scare could have been another Flixborough disaster, Bradford Crown Court was told yesterday. Allied Colloids was fined £100,000 with £60,000 costs after it had admitted three breaches of health and safety regulations at the plant.

Milkman glued to float

Two thieves with a knife superglued a milkman's hands to the steering wheel of his float in Tooting, southwest London, yesterday. Bob Winter, 24, feared that the pair, who stole £20 and a credit card and escaped in a red BMW with tinted glass, might squirt glue into his eyes. Ambulance officers used a hacksaw to free him.

Rapist given 16 years

A man who kept a woman aged 73 captive in her home for two hours and raped her twice was sentenced to 16 years' detention yesterday. Bristol Crown Court was told that Michael Dooley, 20, of Lockleaze, Bristol, punched her to the ground, raped her and threatened her with a knife. He stole £2 from her purse before locking her in a cupboard.

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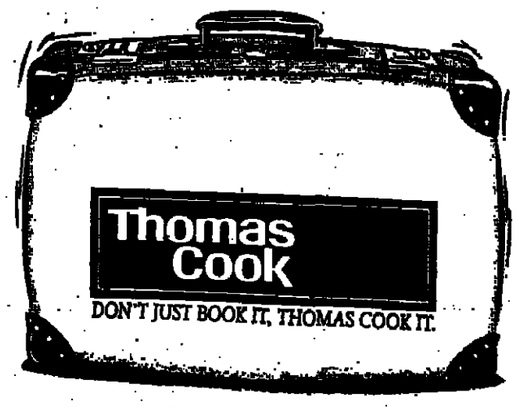

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Second post-mortem reveals necklace girl was murdered

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A MURDER investigation into the death of Stacey Queripel, 7, has been launched by Thames Valley police after a new post-mortem examination overturned suggestions that she had died from accidentally strangling on a necklace.

The study confirmed that fresh marks which had appeared on the body since it was first examined showed that she had been strangled deliberately.

The child's body was found six days ago in undergrowth alongside a path in the wooded grounds of South Hill Park arts centre in Bracknell, Berkshire. She had marks on her neck, which police believed could have been caused by necklaces which became entangled in tree branches.

Chief Inspector John Reeve said: "Everyone, including the pathologist, was unhappy with the situation and that is why another examination was made. Large strangulation marks, broader than those caused by the necklaces, have now come out on the body."

He said it was not unusual for such marks to appear some time after death and that Dr Richard Shepherd, the Home Office pathologist, had never ruled out the possibility that he might have to carry out a second post-mortem examination. Mr Reeve said: "New marks indicate something was used to strangle Stacey."

Stacey was found dead by a police dog handler a few hours after she crept out of her home in a second floor flat in Bracknell. The girl had been sent to bed early after an argument with her mother, Gilliane, who last saw her at 5.30pm last Sunday.

Stacey: left home after an argument

Detectives believe she undressed and went to bed, but later got up, put on her favourite Mickey Mouse white T-shirt, blue jogging trousers and a mauve anorak. She also packed a few possessions into a mauve holdall, then left home. Her mother called police when she discovered Stacey was missing.

The first post-mortem examination was carried out by Dr Shepherd and police said they were sure the death was a tragic accident. Det. Supt John Bound said at the time that foul play could not be ruled out until all the facts had been checked, although they still regarded the death as an accident.

Yesterday Stacey's aunt, Christine Evans, broke down when she heard that the investigation into her niece's death had become a murder case. "I was surprised when I heard she had died because of her necklace. My own little girl wears one and it would not take very much to snap it."

CHRIS HARRIS

Crowning glory: a model of the crown that will be minted to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the Queen's coronation in June 1953 is displayed by Liz Allen of the Royal Mint's public relations company

Detectives comb banks for clues to shooting

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT AND ANGELA MACKAY

DETECTIVES may have a breakthrough in their hunt for the killer of Donald Urquhart, the wealthy businessman shot on a London street. Officers who spent this week on the island of Jersey have discovered links between a number of accounts holding "substantial" amounts of money and another account on neighbouring Guernsey.

Last night Scotland Yard confirmed that officers specialising in asset tracing had returned from Jersey on Thursday. A spokesman said: "It may be necessary to go back to Guernsey."

Mr Urquhart, 55, a millionaire property dealer, was murdered on January 2 as he walked along Marylebone High Street, central London, with his girlfriend. A man wearing a white crash helmet and black leather jacket fired three shots, the last in his head as he lay on the floor.

Mr Urquhart's business deals were cloaked in secrecy, most of them conducted from his car which had two mobile telephones and a fax machine. Police have found no evidence to support speculation that his contract killing may have been connected to drug-money laundering.

He started as a hod carrier on a building site in the fifties before embarking on residential property development. Close associates said Mr Urquhart made millions of pounds when he sold most of his portfolio just before the 1973 property crash.

For the next eight years he dipped in and out of residential and commercial property deals and at one stage had a car dealership, but went "underground" in 1980 and became known as a retired wealthy investor. It is believed that the account or accounts in Guernsey may have been set up in the early eighties. He is thought to have been worth about £2 million at the time of his death.

Associates described him as "a lively dealer" and "a bit of a lad" but he had no criminal record and was not known to criminal intelligence. One of the main problems for police is that he operated under a number of aliases.

Stabbed PC praised for bravery

A POLICEMAN who was fighting for his life yesterday after being stabbed several times as he questioned two men about alleged stolen property has been praised for his bravery by his senior officer.

PC Martin Dudley's condition deteriorated yesterday morning and Scotland Yard said he was "critical" after undergoing emergency surgery at Lewisham Hospital, south London.

His chief superintendent said PC Dudley had won respect from the community for his attempts to improve law and order in his area.

The attack happened just after 1am yesterday when PC Dudley, 31, and two other officers were questioning two men in Albyn Road, Deptford, southeast London. He received at least seven stab wounds.

PC Dudley, who is married with three sons aged four, two and eight months, was patrolling in a police car with two women officers when they spotted the men. A 30-year-old sergeant arrested the knifeman while a 23-year-old PC chased and arrested the second man.

Two men aged 22 and 19 were being questioned by police.

☐ A policewoman who was beaten unconscious by an attacker armed with a baseball bat yesterday told how she thought she was going to die.

Kirste Snellgrove, 23, said: "He hit me twice. I started going unconscious and then I fell down."

☐ PC Robert Gill needed 40 stitches in his wounds after he was stabbed in the face with a screwdriver in Garston, Liverpool, yesterday. A teenager will appear before Liverpool Magistrates' Court today charged with causing grievous bodily harm with intent and resisting arrest.

Hackney rejected chance to save £2m

BY ANGELA MACKAY AND CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

HACKNEY councillors awarded a three-year housing maintenance contract to their direct labour organisation despite a tender from a private building group that could have saved the borough more than £2 million.

According to a confidential report written three months ago for the Labour council's building maintenance contracts committee, the DLO was given the contract because the rates provided by Costain Building and Civil Engineering were "not realistic".

The report concluded that the committee had a choice between the higher tender, which offered "clear evidence of competence and organisation to deliver the service required in the contract", or the lower tender bid "with the risk that the contractor will fail to deliver the services required".

After allowing for redundancy costs and the cost of trainees, Costain's offer of £2,575,347 was £714,300 a year cheaper for the three-year life of the contract, or £2,142,900 cheaper in total. Hackney appeared to be concerned that Costain's offer might result in extra cost because of rectifying faults or retendering if the contract were terminated. Costain felt that these concerns were unwarranted.

Costain withdrew at the last minute after it was told privately that it had lost the tender despite having come in well below its only competitor. As a contractor with extensive and well documented commercial experience, the company is understood to be most concerned that Hackney considered its tender to be honed too closely.

The DLO also won two contracts for £3.1 million and £3.2 million that were offered at the same time. Most of the other tenders were struck out as invalid.

The report contains a tender evaluation table that gives the DLO a perfect score for all 21 criteria in the contracts while none of the other contractors, including Costain, Botes Building, Kier London and VAT Watkins, had scores any where near this.

Last Tuesday, at the council's most recent meeting, the Labour councillor Jonathan Slater said the council tried to give the DLO as much work as possible because this would safed the jobs of many of its employees who were resident in the borough. He did not address the problem of the council's general overspend on maintenance and capital projects.

Earlier this week, the council admitted to cost overruns in excess of £7 million for three housing projects — Lea View, High Hill and Nisbet House — although this was partly attributable to changes in the specifications.

A dossier containing a series of allegations was passed to the fraud squad earlier this week by a Tory councillor, Philip McCullough. Hackney police are also looking into one allegation of theft stemming from Mr McCullough's dossier. The Labour leader of the council, John McCafferty, said the allegations were historical and were an example of political opportunism.

State schools expel 'too many pupils'

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

STATE schools are expelling too many pupils, often for trivial offences, the Office for Standards in Education said yesterday. The new school inspection agency recommended that schools face financial penalties to combat a sharp rise in exclusions.

Fresh government guidelines were needed to reduce variations in punishment handed out by headteachers and governors to pupils who committed similar offences. Expelled pupils were poorly served by special units provided for them and often slipped out of the education system.

Ofsted was formally responding to a government consultation document, published last month, addressing fears about the growth of a teenage underclass receiving little formal education. It also released a report by inspectors detailing the results of a two-year study of pupils' behaviour.

Ofsted supported deducting money from school budgets where exclusions were judged unreasonable, a policy option recently highlighted by Eric Forth, the schools minister. Schools taking in excluded pupils would be rewarded with extra funding.

Inspectors who visited 31 primary and secondary schools and 39 units for disruptive pupils in ten local education authorities found all suffered the wearing effects of minor disruption by pupils.

Press body rejects New Statesman plea

BY BILL FROST

THE Press Complaints Commission last night ruled out an investigation into the role of national newspapers in allegations linking the prime minister and a caterer before the story became the subject of libel writs against two magazines.

The call for an enquiry came from Steve Platt, editor of *New Statesman & Society*. In a letter to Lord McGregor of Durris, chairman of the commission, he asked for an investigation of "the way the rumours about John Major were spread throughout the media long before the *New Statesman & Society* article in respect of which libel action has been taken".

Mr Platt also issued a formal apology. "We deeply regret that the impression has been given that we have smeared the prime minister," he said. "Our intention was quite the opposite — to demolish persistent rumours that have surrounded him since he took office. We are sorry if anyone has been led to believe otherwise by the press reports of the article, and deeply regret any embarrassment that may have been caused to him and Ms Latimer."

A spokeswoman for the commission said that it could not investigate. "The commission was established to take complaints against newspapers and periodicals. It is precluded from considering matters that are the subject of litigation."

Camera crews, photographers and reporters yesterday laid siege to the north London catering business run by Clare Latimer. Miss Latimer ploughed silently through the waiting pack, pausing only to slap one persistent snapper on the shoulder.

Despite his apology, Mr Platt deplored the decision to issue writs against his magazine and the news-sheet *Scallywag*. "While he is within his legal rights to do so, the effect has been to prevent the public from making up its own mind about the intentions behind the article."

Underdog hero takes on Major

BY OUR CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE *New Statesman & Society* has chosen a lawyer with a reputation for defeating the establishment to mount its defence against the prime minister. Brian Raymond, now in his early 40s, is an expert on libel as well as civil liberties.

He is a founder member of Bindman and Partners, which specialises in criminal, defamation and immigration cases and has defended *Private Eye*. In the past ten years, he has earned his spurs as defender in some of the most knotty cases, such as Clive Ponting, the senior defence ministry civil servant accused of breaching the Official Secrets Act over the sinking of the Belgrano.

Other clients have included Duncan Campbell, the investigative journalist, and Dr Wendy Savage, the obstetrician.

New ambassador makes contact with the French underground

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

SIR Christopher Mallaby disappeared down a hole in England yesterday and emerged in France four hours later as Britain's new ambassador. Dressed in bright-orange overalls, yellow jacket, white helmet and black wellington boots, he was the first ambassador from England in almost 400 years to journey to his post by land.

Ambassadors usually slip quietly into their posts but Sir Christopher's method of arrival exposed him to the full glare of French media. He descended into the Channel tunnel at Shakespeare Cliff near Dover, Kent, and reappeared at the Sangatte shaft a few miles from Calais.

Although he walked for a few hundred yards, Sir Christopher travelled most of the way in an enclosed and cramped "tramrider" train, used to transport workers. As befitted his status, his was the soft-seated and clean VIP tramrider, known as the "Maggiemobile" as it was designed to carry the former prime minister. At the underground frontier the diplomat stretched his legs and ate his packed lunch.

Out: Sir Christopher emerges in France

As he trundled beneath the waves, his French wife, Pascale, whizzed across in a hovercraft, which took only 35 minutes to make the crossing.

Sir Christopher, who was accompanied by executives from Eurotunnel and TML, broke into daylight bubbling with enthusiasm. "It is a fantastic engineering project, one of the wonders of the world," he said. "It is an achievement that should help forge closer links between the two countries."

The last ambassadors to travel from London to a "foreign" land without crossing the sea were those who went to the Scottish ports before James VI became James I of England in 1603.

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WITH THE TIMES ON MONDAY

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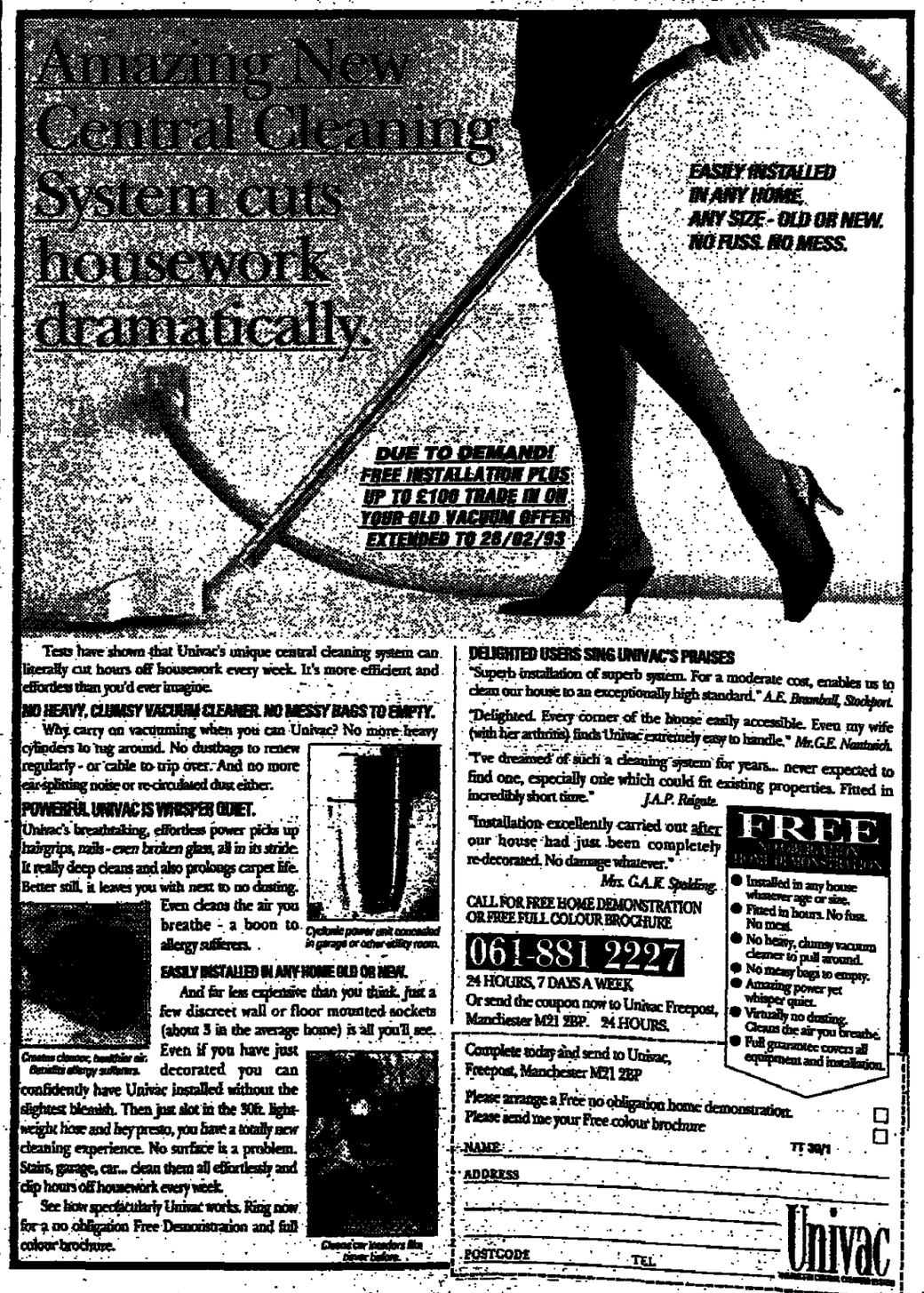

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4m listeners provide sweet music to Classic FM's ears

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

CLASSIC FM, Britain's first classical commercial radio station, has established itself as the fourth most popular station within four months of its launch. It claims almost two million more listeners than BBC Radio 3.

The first comprehensive United Kingdom radio audience figures, for the quarter to the end of December, were published yesterday. They show that Classic FM attracts 4.25 million adults every week — 50 per cent more than the station projected. Radio 3 attracts 2.5 million listeners.

Classic FM has more adult listeners per week than any other commercial station. It claims that listeners have not been poached from Radio 3. John Spearman, its chief executive, said that the station had tapped a new market, attracting a portion of the population that was not satisfied by modern rock music and not as serious about classical music as Radio 3 listeners.

The figures show that listeners tune to Classic FM as well as BBC stations: 12 per cent come from Radio 2 and 10 per cent each from Radios 1, 3 and 4. A further 12 per cent come from commercial radio.

"Classic FM has established a substantial ABC1 audience, to the embarrassment of those who suggested that a national commercial radio station playing accessible classical music would have no market in this country," Mr Spearman said. "I am delighted to say that they were wrong."

Early criticisms of the station included the choice of presenters, including Henry Kelly, and their poor pronunciation. Mr Spearman said that the presenters were part of the station's strength and added "personality and colour" to the output.

Radio 3 broadcasts a wider range of classical music. Nicholas Kenyon, its controller, called the figures good news for all lovers of classical music. "Classic FM has expanded the market with its deliberately unchallenging programming. If it succeeds in drawing a new audience from pop towards classical music, that benefits us all. But there is now an even more vital need for Radio 3, as the leading patron of live music, presenting the widest possible repertory, developing new and adventurous work."

The figures, published by the new body Rajar (Radio Joint Audience Research), also record the success of the Dublin-based commercial station Atlantic 252, which transmits pop music to two thirds of Britain. It reaches an audience of 4.2 million adults and a further one million under-15s. The station said that listeners were coming from Radio 1.

More than 32 million people — almost 70 per cent of the population — listen to BBC Radio during the average week, and 90 per cent of the population listens to a radio show of some kind. Radio 1 is the most popular of the BBC stations, with a weekly audience of 16.5 million.

David Hatch, managing director of BBC Network Radio, called the BBC audience figures remarkable "and a credit to our producers, writers, musicians, actors and broadcasters".

BBC local and regional radio stations captured 20 per cent of adult listeners every week. Radio Ulster attracted 31 per cent of its catchment population and Radio Cymru 7 per cent.

Ronald Neil, managing director of BBC Regional Broadcasting, said that the figure demonstrated "the importance and value of the BBC speech-based services that set out to meet the radio needs of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and the local communities in England".

The more successful BBC services cover Cornwall, Derby, Merseyside and York. Commercial stations with above-average audiences include Radio Clyde, Capital Radio, Radio Forth, Radio Aire and Metro Tyne Tees.

Air of success: Classic FM presenters Henry Kelly, left, and Nick Bailey at the station's studios yesterday

Rastafarian loses test case on race claim

BY KATE ALDERSON

RASTAFARIANS are not entitled to legal recognition as a separate ethnic group, the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday. A judge said that they could not expect protection from discrimination under the 1976 Race Relations Act.

The test case, backed by the Commission for Racial Equality, was brought to court by Trevor Dawkins, 30, who was refused a van driver's job because he would not have his dreadlocks cut.

An industrial tribunal found he had been deprived of a job on racial grounds, but the Employment Appeals Tribunal later overturned the decision. Lord Justice Neill said that, although the Rastafarians had a shared history dating back 60 years, it did not entitle them to be separately classified from other Afro-Caribbeans.

Alpa Riza QC, for Mr Dawkins, was refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords. Rastafarians regard Haile Selassie, the Ethiopian emperor overthrown in 1974, as God.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

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Advertisers deny impact on smokers

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE Advertising Association yesterday rejected claims by the health department that tobacco advertising encourages people to take up smoking.

The association claims that a report produced by the department, *Effect of Tobacco Advertising on Tobacco Consumption*, is flawed because it fails to analyse world-wide evidence on the reasons for smoking and the impact of advertising.

Lionel Stanbrook, special issues director of the association, said: "Despite an advertising ban in Norway, there are as many people smoking now as in 1974."

The impact of advertising bans has been assessed in Norway, Finland, Canada and New Zealand, and the government report states: "In each case the banning of advertising was followed by a fall in smoking on a scale that cannot reasonably be attributed to other factors."

The association, which represents advertisers, agencies and the media, fears that a ban on tobacco advertising may lead to further bans "which would threaten freedom of expression".

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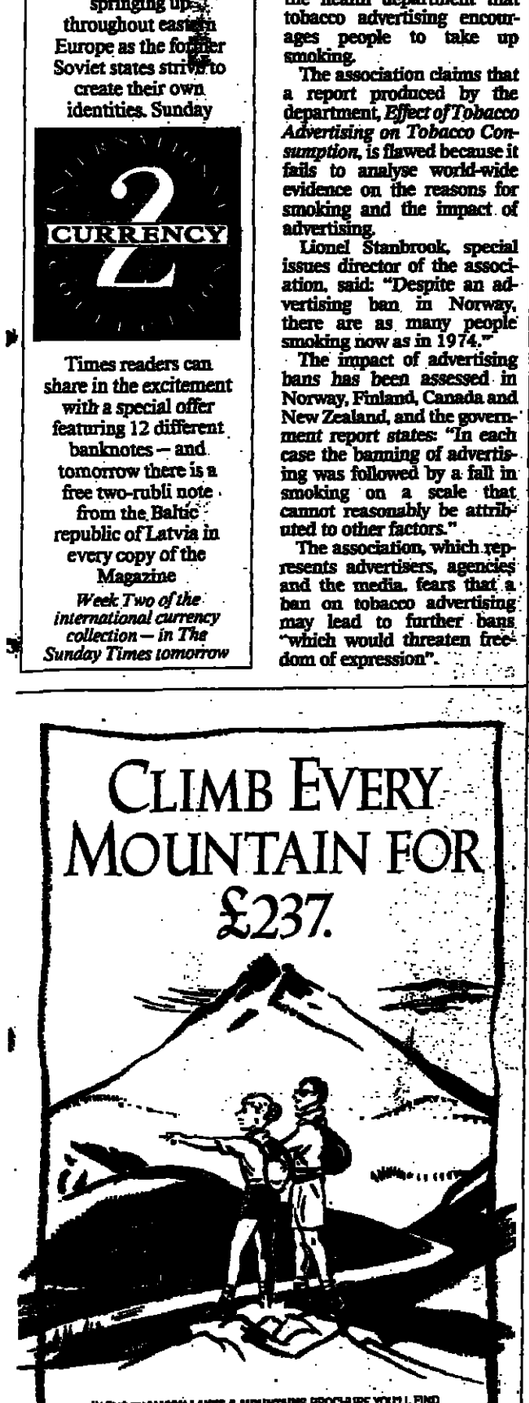

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New Yard chief aims to make the Met officer a local hero

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

■ **Paul Condon, who takes over on Monday as head of Britain's biggest force, represents a new style of policing**

TWO years ago Paul Condon surprised the police fraternity with the publication of his annual report as chief constable of Kent. Traditionally such reports have large reproductions of force badges, are filled with photographs of the chief constable and senior officers, and carry pages of statistics with illustrations of crimes or accidents. The Kent report did not have a picture of Mr Condon, who is married with three children, nor any of his senior officers.

Nor were there instances of gory road accidents or murders. Instead it showed ordinary police officers doing their jobs serving the public, and spelt out how good work would become even better. The reproduction of the force badge was tiny.

Whether or not Kenneth Clarke saw the report, there is no doubt that it illustrates an open, down-to-earth style that the home secretary likes, and Mr Condon was his choice to succeed Sir Peter Imbert as commissioner of the Metropolitan police. At 45 he is one of the youngest Met commissioners. He starts at Scotland Yard on Monday with the outline of a strategy certain to give local police more importance and control and a better service to the public. The days of the power barons at the Yard may also be short.

One senior police observer said yesterday: "The excellent way he developed Kent is a very good template." In four years Mr Condon altered the whole organisation of a 3,000-strong force covering a population of 1.5 million. He reduced bureaucracy, pruning central control so that decisions were taken locally. Local police were also given greater power over budgets. To assess the response the public was getting Kent began a performance-monitoring system well ahead of many other forces. Each area had to record the time taken to answer calls, crimes reported and solved, plus statistics on public satisfaction and how victims felt they were treated.

In the past few weeks Mr Condon, a tall, quietly-spoken man, has had discussions with Sir Peter and begun talking to some of the senior officers at the Yard in preparation for a seven-year stint, with a starting salary of £87,620. Colleagues believe he will work himself in slowly but they do not doubt that he will bring change, which is why Mr Clarke chose him.

"At least he has a head start," said one senior officer. "It is not that long since he was an assistant commissioner in the Met and the majority of his service has been in London. He knows the force in its many guises, knows the area and many of the people." Another officer described him as a "nice chap, very agreeable, and quite ruthless when he needs to be, and I don't mean that nastily".

Reformers can identify a series of areas for change. More officers must get back on the beat. Two years ago an internal survey showed that only about 600 officers were available to patrol the streets out of a force of 28,000. The figure may now be better but more improvement is still needed. Another of Mr Condon's first tasks will be to thin out the police and civilian staff at Scotland Yard and to make it a tighter-run headquarters.

The empires of assistant-commissioners could be trimmed and the organisational map of London is certain to be redrawn closer to borough boundaries. "A lot of senior officers behave like cabinet ministers and protect their own departments," said one observer.

Mr Condon may also find himself dealing with some form of police authority. If the Home Office decides to go ahead with changes to police authorities for other forces, it may feel the time is right to create one for London.

But change brings problems. There is already concern that the uncertainty caused by the Sheehy enquiry into police pay and conditions is affecting morale. Mr Condon will take the helm and endeavour to steer a careful but sure course.

TONY WHITE

Champion of change: Condon favours delegation

Time to cut the cords binding church to state

Colin Buchanan

Ever since mid-November, media people have been posing the question: should the present troubles of the royal family precipitate the disestablishment of the Church of England? The case, from the church's point of view, is just as strong when the royal family is held in the highest respect. Yet neither state nor church is inclined to hear the case, except when the tabloids are screaming with royal indiscretions. So troubles in the palace gain the case a hearing, but the case does not rest upon such troubles.

In the appointment of diocesan bishops, the prime minister still has real power. A prime minister is presented with a shortlist of two by the Crown Appointments Commission. It is known that recent prime ministers have at intervals chosen to appoint the second choice. The fact that some diocesan bishops could start their pronouncements "Archibald, by the grace of Mrs Thatcher bishop of Barchester ..." casts suspicion on all such appointments.

Bishops do speak out in criticism of prime ministers and their policies, so the system does not corrupt completely — but they owe their position in God's church to the patronage of political prime ministers.

Similarly, the rule of Parliament over the church's life and rules, though discreet and usually distant, is equally firmly still in place. Even the decision to go ahead with ordaining women has still to be debated and ratified or rejected by Parliament.

In Henry's day, the monarch, Parliament and citizens of the land were all of a piece, united and solely "Church of England". But now that is not so. Parliament is, in religious terms, an alien body. It has no mandate to run a church, no credentials of Christian faith to suggest it is competent. It is an imperial power, at best paternalistic, at worst harmful to the interests of the mission and life of the church. To take but one instance: no other Christian church can unite with us, because we are united with the state.

But my main point concerns our own integrity. I recall that, in *Watership Down*, the migrant wild rabbits discover one enchanting place where other rabbits live in apparent abundance, peace and harmony. It only slowly emerges that there is a terrifying secret: they are captives, and at intervals are being quietly culled. All are haunted by this, but none dare name it or challenge it. They have bought peace and prosperity at a high price. They enjoy the benefits — and keep mum about the cost.

What is the true situation? Believing, worshipping Christians are a tiny handful of our nation. Ninety per cent or more of our citizens have virtually no knowledge of Christianity. The few who gather on Sundays as Anglicans are perhaps 2 per cent of the nation, and for all practical purposes they *are* the Church of England.

The few have a mission to the many, including bold denunciation of the state and its organs when they do not conform to the word of God, and when they rob the poor to subsidise the rich. If we are to discharge our mission fearlessly and aright, then, before God and our own consciences, we must run the Church of England's life. The situation is not only muddled but also immoral if the political processes somehow become the means of holding power over our inner life and spiritual health.

So what of the poor royal family? Until mid-November there were quests afoot for bypassing all the political machinery and keeping the symbolic role of the monarch as Supreme Governor in place. The recent report on senior church appointments did exactly that.

In the 1970s we had been told by political leaders that that was not on: only the PM, it was said, has the right to advise the sovereign — and so we got the Crown Appointments Commission and the forwarding of two names to No. 10. But now it is the role of the monarchy itself that has come into question. How are we to view that?

The monarch's powers are largely cosmetic, but the issues are of substance and relate to real powers. The decolonisation of the Church of England could in theory therefore leave the Crown an entirely cosmetic role (as republican India retained the monarch as "Head of the Commonwealth").

But is it in the interests of church or nation that we should even *appear* to have a privileged or favoured position? Leave aside the rare incidence of the coronation oath. What would be the discernment of other religions if total self-government were slipped to the Church of England, but a cosmetic "Supreme Governorship" were retained for the Queen? Let the cords be cut once and for all — and let it come through a realism in the church.

□ *The Right Rev Colin Buchanan is an honorary assistant bishop in the Rochester diocese and vicar of St Mark's, Gillingham*

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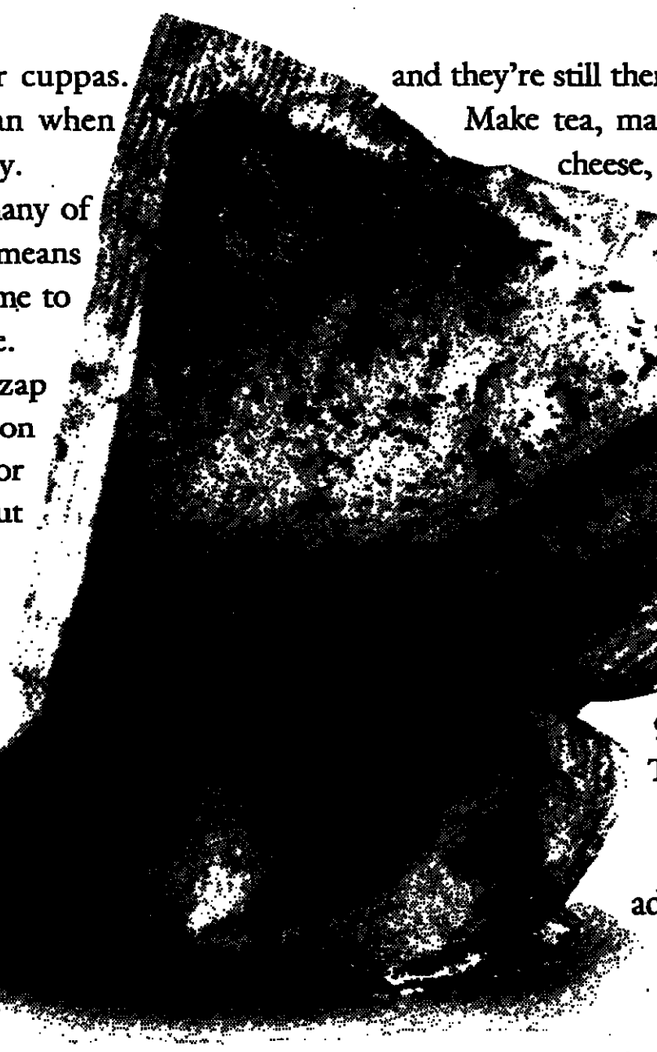

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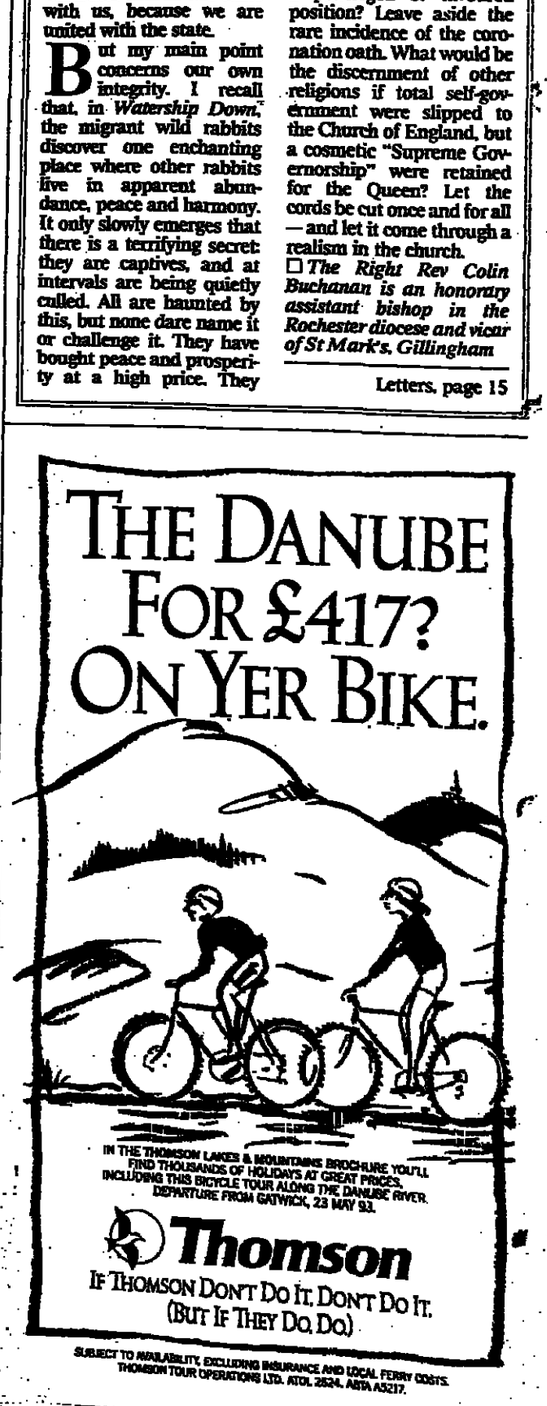

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Private bill to correct press errors gains a second reading

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

A BILL requiring the press to "act responsibly" cleared a big hurdle yesterday when it was given a second reading in the Commons despite government reservations.

The measure, introduced by Clive Soley, Labour MP for Hammersmith, would impose a legal duty on newspapers to publish corrections of inaccuracies and would set up an independent statutory body, appointed by the government, to set ethical and professional standards. Self-regulation had failed, Mr Soley said.

Robert Key, the heritage minister, described the bill as premature and misconceived. The government remained unconvinced that statutory regulation was necessary or would be appropriate, he said.

Before making any final decisions, the government wanted to see how the press responded to the criticisms of self-regulation in the report from Sir David Calcutt QC and to consider the outcome of the enquiry by the Commons all-party heritage select committee into media intrusion. The government was also concerned about enforcing the promotion of ethical standards and defining "factual inaccuracy", Mr Key said.

Mr Soley's Freedom and Responsibility of the Press Bill, with official Opposition backing, was given a second reading by 119 votes to 15, but with other private member's bills already before Commons committees, it could fail through lack of parliamentary time.

Speaking after the publicity surrounding the prime minister's libel writs against two magazines, Mr Soley said he hoped that the government "would not make the mistake of rushing into hasty legislation as a result of the high-profile cases of recent months".

He said that he had rejected introducing a privacy bill because he did not want to see "pre-publication censorship". There was a strong case for putting something right after a newspaper had "got" it wrong", but powers of pre-publication censorship would hinder legitimate investigative journalism. Such censorship would be of most benefit to the rich and powerful without necessarily offering protection to ordinary people.

He could support privacy legislation only if there were a counter-balancing press freedom law. "If we got a press freedom law, people like me would not have a problem with a privacy law."

Mr Soley said that press freedoms had been steadily eroded over 20 years. The press was already over-regulated through legislation such as the Official Secrets Act, the Police and Criminal Evidence Act and the Prevention of Terrorism Act, as well as heavy-handed use of the libel laws. In passing such legislation, Parliament had "eroded press freedom and undermined good investigative journalism", he said.

Mr Soley pointed out that most complaints against newspapers concerned accuracy. Members of the public who could not afford the protection of libel laws were harassed by newspapers following up inaccurate reports.

The sole statutory power of the Independent Press Authority (IPA), to be set up under his bill, would be to require editors to publish corrections of factual inaccuracies, he said.

Several MPs challenged Mr Soley on how accuracy would be defined by a statutory body. Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, said that defining accuracy could become "a lucrative field for lawyers and a nightmare for editors".

Mr Soley emphasised that the "underlying agenda and thrust" of the bill was raising journalistic standards and protecting citizens from inaccurate and intrusive reporting. "The standards and ethical code of some editors is too low," he said. One of the duties of the new authority would be the production and promotion of codes of professional and ethical standards for the press.

He said that there was a vacuum in government policy on the issue of regulation. The government's position was that self-regulation had failed, "but what do we put in its place?"

Robin Corbett, a former journalist, speaking for the Opposition, said that the press and Parliament had been playing a cat-and-mouse game with each other for a number of years. The press and its owners had never believed that the House of Commons would act to rein in the wilder excesses of the tabloid press. The tabloids always believed that the broadsheets, like the American cavalry, would ride in and come to their aid.

The Opposition was not in favour of the Calcutt approach of a statutory tribunal to regulate the press and the creation of criminal offences. However, there could be regulating bodies outside government, similar to the Independent Television Commission or the Advertising Standards Authority.

☐ A two-clause bill that would allow boys under 14 to be prosecuted for rape was given a second reading in the Commons yesterday without a word being said about it.

In the hubbub which usually follows a Commons vote, Jerry Hayes, Tory MP for Harlow, got his Sexual Offences Bill through "on the nod". It abolishes the assumption in criminal law that a boy under 14 is incapable of sexual intercourse and therefore cannot be prosecuted for rape.

Although the tellers announced in the Commons chamber that 15 MPs had voted against the bill, the detailed division list showed that 16 had done so. They were:

Tories — Richard Alexander (Newark), Michael Ancram (Devizes), Peter Atkinson (Hexham), Edward Garnier (Harborough), Harry Greenway (Ealing N), Andrew Hargreaves (Birmingham Hall Green), David Harris (St Ives), Lady Olga Maitland (Sutton and Cheam), John Marshall (Hendon S), Peter Thurnham (Bolton NE), Gary Waller (Keighley), Sir John Wheeler (Westminster N), John Whittingdale (Colchester S and Maldon). Labour — Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow), Dennis Skinner (Bolsover).
Popular Unionist — Sir James Kilfedder (Down N).

Key: described bill as misconceived

MICHAEL POWELL

Peer pressure: Lord Mariesford, who wants Parliament to make better provision for cyclists, gets on his bike in Westminster yesterday

Peer breaks law to put cyclists in the saddle

BY JOHN YOUNG

LORD Mariesford, who told fellow peers on Wednesday that he cycled on the pavement, jumped red lights and rode the wrong way up one-way streets to avoid congestion, said yesterday that he had never yet been stopped or "given a ticket".

But his intention was not deliberately to flout the law. "My whole object is to get Parliament to make better provision for cyclists," he said. "I don't believe that the government has the slightest interest in cyclists, and I don't suppose John MacGregor [the transport secretary] has ever been on a bike."

Although he also drove a car, he sympathised with cyclists "who had no rights at all". Pedestrians should come first, followed by horses, cyclists, cars, taxis and trucks.

"Most motorists regard cyclists as a confounded nuisance," he said. On the three occasions when he had been run over, in Parliament Square, Trafalgar Square and Hyde Park Corner, he had been doing nothing illegal.

He had been misquoted in saying that it was quicker to ride the wrong way up one-way streets. But it was safer because a cyclist could not be struck from behind. Obviously he would not cycle on pavements where he would be a danger to pedestrians.

Asked yesterday what it thought about the noble lord's activities, Scotland Yard said that cyclists should respect the law for their own safety and that of other road users.

Pippa Curtis, of the London Cycling Campaign, said she could not condone illegal behaviour, but the emphasis put on cyclists riding on pavements and crossing red lights was out of proportion to the danger and inconvenience caused by motorists. Charlie Maher, former treasurer of the Pedestrians Association for Road Safety, said it deplored the use of pavements by cyclists to dodge the danger from motorists.

Labour replaces vote-losing tax pledges with 'green' initiative on indirect taxes

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A PACKAGE of "green" taxes and incentives for businesses will be disclosed by Labour leaders as part of a fundamental rethink of the party's approach to taxation.

It has been drawn up by John Smith, Labour leader, and Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, after the decision to abandon unpopular election pledges of sharp rises in income tax and national insurance contributions for the better-off.

The proposals, to be set out by Mr Brown in about 10 days time, represent a shift from direct to indirect taxation. Senior Labour sources denied, however, that the leadership had embarked on a simple-minded approach of seeking to make indirect taxes, such as value-added tax, carry the full burden of raising extra revenue.

The sources said that the new package was not a gimmick and was designed to raise significant amounts of revenue as well as benefiting the environment. One adviser said that although Labour was not promising that its new approach would cut income tax, it would amount to a "big fiscal package".

Mr Brown will advocate two key changes when he puts forward his proposals: a tax on private companies and organisations acting against the public interest by polluting the environment, and tax incentives for businesses to replace environmentally unfriendly plant and machinery with cleaner new technology.

One danger of the policy is that it could bring Labour into conflict with some of its traditional supporters in smokestack industries such as coal and power generation.

Mr Smith and the shadow Chancellor believe that the proposed tax breaks will have the added benefit of stimulating efforts by British companies to compete in the growing world market for clean technologies. They believe the measures will contribute to strengthening the country's manufacturing base, a central theme in Labour's criticism of the government's economic management.

The green fiscal package will be integrated into Labour's campaigning against the government's conduct of the economy. Mr Brown is planning an international seminar in the spring to try to win wider support for the ideas.

Earlier this month he abandoned the tax proposals put forward by Mr Smith at the election, which were widely seen as contributing to the party's defeat. Instead he offered a "budget for jobs" in which new taxes on the windfall profits of the privatised utilities would be used to pay for new jobs concentrated in infrastructure projects.

The prospect of a further big tax initiative should go some way to silencing some of Mr Smith's critics, who have accused the Labour leader of lacking the ideas and energy needed to confront the Conservatives.

A key task for him and Mr Brown will be to mould their new ideas on taxation and support for industry into a coherent programme. Mr Smith and his senior colleagues are seeking to reposition the party as the friend of the "little person" and the enemy of powerful vested interests such as the entrenched Whitehall bureaucracies, the big banks and privatised monopolies.

Britain is booked in for a mental health check-up

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE government has ordered a survey to determine how miserable, anxious and neurotic people in Britain are.

The Office of Population Censuses and Surveys will interview 10,000 adults to provide the first comprehensive picture of the nation's mental health. It aims to reveal the extent of worry and sleeplessness and show where professional help is most readily available. Health authorities will be set targets based on the results for improving the mental wellbeing of their communities.

In April questionnaires will be sent to 18,000 homes, from which the interviewees will be selected. They will be asked about symptoms of stress, depression and other psychiatric problems and given a score. Those who disclose significant difficulties will be further questioned about help or treatment received and how they manage their lives. The results are expected by the end of next year.

Details of the survey were disclosed yesterday by Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, at the launch of a handbook for health authorities on improving mental health. "We must lift the taboo from mental illness and encourage understanding," she said.

A 15 per cent cut in the suicide rate by 2000 was included in the aims of the Health of Nation strategy at the request of Mrs Bottomley, a former psychiatric social worker. Officials had suggested the focus should be on closing mental hospitals.

"Nine per cent of deaths are caused by suicide," she said. "I know a lot of people who have been affected. When it happens it is a tragedy of the greatest dimensions."

Suicide was "an extreme", however, and there was a need to develop broader aims for which the survey would provide the information. "Mental illness affects one in 10 people and is three times as common as cancer. It has been taboo for too long."

Betty clamps down on parking protest

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

BETTY Boothroyd, the former Tiller girl and black-stockinged Speaker of the House of Commons, appeared to be bidding yesterday for a third career in uniform.

Miss Boothroyd assumed the role of parliamentary meter-maid when she used the full weight of her not inconsiderable authority to warn Ann Clwyd, a Labour frontbencher, that her car would be wheelclamped if she continued to use an unauthorised parking space at the Palace of Westminster.

Erskine May, the bible of parliamentary procedure, is strangely silent on the subject of members' parking places.

But before the start of business in the Commons yesterday morning, Miss Boothroyd reprimanded the hapless Mrs Clwyd for leaving her Ford Granada outside the Speaker's official Westminster residence in the hallowed quadrangle known as Speaker's Court "despite repeated requests" not to do so.

Parking in Speaker's Court is reserved for use solely by the Speaker herself and such others who have her express permission to do so.

That exclusive list includes the prime minister and other ministers of the crown. But not Mrs Clwyd.

Furthermore, the conduct of the shadow national heritage secretary had "caused embarrassment to the servants of the House whose duty it is to enforce the regulations", Miss Boothroyd said sternly.

Wisely, Mrs Clwyd desisted from offering Madam Speaker the standard explanation of the sinning motorist: "But I only popped in for a couple of minutes."

Instead she sat on the opposition front bench silently taking the medicine as Miss Boothroyd sombrely warned her that any repetition of the misdemeanour would have serious consequences.

The public rebuke followed a lengthy and increasingly acrimonious correspondence in the course of which Mrs Clwyd had claimed: "I am not claiming as a matter of right the use of Speaker's Court for the parking of my vehicle.

"I am arguing that government ministers should have no greater priority or lesser priority than I in the parking of their vehicles."

The Speaker was unswayed. "If, after today, she leaves the car in Speaker's Court she will not be allowed to move the vehicle until she has given an undertaking that she will in future make use of the parking facilities elsewhere," Miss Boothroyd said.

Would that London's other traffic wardens were so merciful as to offer a second chance.

Boothroyd: issued a stern warning

Clwyd: pleaded for equal treatment

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Glittering prizes hang on the outcome as Short faces Timman across the chessboard in game 13

Britain's ruthless grandmaster aims for victory

■ Millions of pounds in prize money await Nigel Short as he claws his way to the top of the professional world of chess

BY RAY KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S top chess player, Nigel Short, reaches what promises to be the pinnacle of his career tonight when two and a half weeks of cerebral combat culminate in the vital 13th game in his world championship eliminator against Jan Timman of Holland. Short's win in the 12th game has left him half a point away from the right to a challenge against Gary Kasparov, the world champion.

Short and Timman, the English and Dutch grandmasters, have been battling each other in a pink colonnaded theatre in the tiny Spanish mountain town of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, not far from Madrid. To reach this match, the height of his career, Short has had to claw his path through the ranks of the world's grandmasters.

He started with the Manila Interzonal of 1990, then, in swift succession, cut down Jon Speelman, his colleague on the English team, Boris Gelfand, the Russian, and then the living legend himself, Anatoly Karpov, world champion from 1975 to 1985.

These one-on-one matches have honed Nigel Short into the perfect chess machine. Nevertheless, the quality of the games in his clash with Timman has been varied, reflecting the enormous stress of the occasion. Although there was much criticism of the level of play in the first half of the match, the second amply redeemed itself, with some of the most exciting, ingenious and nerve-racking play seen at this rarefied level.

Game one was an up and down struggle, both players missed wins, and it justly ended in a draw. For game two, Short dismayed his supporters, drifting in the opening, then blundering away a piece. He lost without a fight and the corpus of Dutch journalists supporting their man in Spain were heard to chorus that Short was out of his depth. Still, mental resilience is one of the hallmarks of any great chess champion, and Short has almost made it his trademark to bounce back immediately.

Game three was all Short's, Timman being swept away by a series of devastating sacrifices. In game four, Timman overpressed and lost from a good position. From being one down, Short now led by a point. However, in game five he conceded a draw from what had been an almost winning position. In game six, with the normally advantageous white pieces, Short was struggling from the start.

Game seven was possibly the worst of Short's career. Planless opening play led to the loss of a pawn. Amazingly, he dragged on his hopeless resistance while Timman's supporters chuckled. Scores were even again and remained so for game eight, in which Short sought the haven of a swift draw to rebuild his confidence.

Now came the crisis: game nine was merciless and bloodthirsty. The moves seemed crazy and illogical. Only hours after Timman had slumped in his chair and acknowledged defeat in the hardest game of the match could grandmasters even remotely piece together what should have happened. Timman, mauled and shattered after this psychological assault, succumbed quickly in game ten. He fought back in game 11 to win a long endgame, but game 12 appears finally to have demonstrated Short's dominance.

If Short clinches the match tonight, either with a draw or a win, glittering prizes await him — not least a share of the estimated £4 million prize fund in the match against Kasparov.

Results

Short: ½ 0 1 1 ½ ½ 0 ½ 1 1 0 1 **7 points**
Timman ½ 1 0 0 ½ ½ 1 ½ 0 0 1 0 **5 points**

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Family man: Nigel Short, unlike other grandmasters, has had his wife Rhea and daughter, Kyveli, with him for the eliminators in Spain

Kasparov to play charity contest

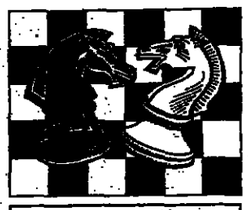
BY DANIEL JOHNSON

GARY Kasparov, the world chess champion who is expected to defend his title against Nigel Short next summer, plans to make a rare appearance in London next month at an event sponsored by *The Times* in aid of the Sick Children's Trust.

Eminent chess amateurs, including Lord Callaghan and Patrick Moore, will take on the Russian genius in *The Times* Chess Challenge, to be held at Simpson's-In-The-Strand, the London restaurant, in the afternoon and evening of February 17.

Other participants will include the Marquess of Bath, Tam Dalyell MP, Loyd Grossman, the master chef, Betty Jackson, the fashion designer, Dominic Lawson, editor of *The Spectator*, Jennifer Saunders, the television comedian, David Spanier, the author, and the chess prodigy Luke McShane, 9.

More than a dozen companies have sponsored teams, at £1,000 each, to challenge Kasparov in a separate display. Each team will have one board, with four players consulting over each move. The sponsors range from bankers such as Lloyds, S.J. Warburg and Barclays de Zoete Wedd, to legal firms such as Allen & Overy, Brick Court chambers and the chambers of Michael Crystal QC.



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Inchcape, the multinational conglomerate, is sponsoring a team from Colet Court, the preparatory school. Teams from The Times, London Electricity and Oxford United Football Club will also take part.

Up to 40 individual spectators can help the trust by paying £25 a head to watch the event. Kasparov, 29, has been world champion for seven years.

Chess boom transformed a nation of enthusiastic amateurs into world class

BY DANIEL JOHNSON, LITERARY EDITOR

THE great British chess boom has been under way for more than a decade, with this country producing some of the world's best players.

If Nigel Short plays Gary Kasparov for the world championship this year, he will be only the second Western-born grandmaster (after the American Bobby Fischer) to get so far since the Soviet Union began to dominate chess after the second world war. Yet when Fischer defeated Boris Spassky to take the world championship in 1972, not a single Briton held the title of grandmaster.

Individual players such as Jonathan Penrose had occasionally defeated Soviet stars, but virtually none were professionals. A generation of British grandmasters emerged by the late 1970s, when players such as Tony Miles, Ray Keene, John Nunn and Jon Speelman were able to earn a living from the game. Their successes in international competition inspired a younger generation.

Growing interest was also fuelled by a handful of charismatic individuals such as Fischer, whose towering genius and insistence on high rewards produced the first big awakening in the early 1970s. Led by Short, whose evolution into today's giant-killer took more than ten years, a new cohort of grandmasters has appeared, including Julian Hodgson, Daniel King David Norwood and Luke McShane, at 8 the youngest.

But the brightest teenage star to rise is Michael Adams, whose remarkable victories in the past year mark him out as a possible contender for world champion.

Alongside the best players, a few remarkable teachers and organisers deserve mention. Such unsung heroes as Leonard Barden, Stewart Reuben and Bob Wade have exercised a huge influence. Hand in hand with this has been an increase in support, sponsorship and publicity from a range of institutions.

The chess prowess of numerous outstanding schools would not have been nearly as effective without *The Times* Schools' Chess Championship, in which every strong chess master has participated.

Annual tournaments such as Hastings (sponsored until this year by Foreign and Colonial), the Lloyds Bank Masters and the British Championships have been crucial. City firms such as Duncan Lawrie, Watson Farley Williams and Bankers' Trust have been unstinting in their financial support.

Individual impresarios are rare in Britain: there is no equivalent to Serbia's Jezdimir Vasilievic (who organised last year's Fischer-Spassky rematch) and Spain's Luis Rentero (who organised the present Short-Timman battle). But Jim Slater, Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of Lloyds Bank, and David Elstein, of BSkyB, have promoted chess through their firms to great effect.

However, chess would never have taken off in Britain if the culture had not been favourable to the peculiarly competitive yet intellectually creative qualities required for success at the highest level. The skills of a chess master resemble those of high finance more closely than they do the military mind.

It was in the 1980s, when the spirit of democratic capitalism revived in Britain, that chess really took off into the stratosphere. There is a lesson for John Major in the fact that Short will be the first Briton to become seriously rich from chess.

Vasilievic: Serbia's chess impresario

McShane: Britain's youngest grandmaster

Dutchman tumbles into trap

SHORT, playing white, won the twelfth game on Thursday night with a blazing attack that forced Timman to resign after 46 moves (Raymond Keene writes).

The offensive started with a sacrifice by Short on the thirty-fourth move to attack the Dutchman's central bastions. Short's thirty-eighth move, a blow with his queen, introduced various diabolical traps.

In a hopeless position, the Dutch grandmaster finally fell into one such trap, immediately allowing Short to win a piece.

When the occasion has demanded it, and after a stinging defeat in the eleventh game, Short has risen to the challenge of this match, being held in San Lorenzo de El Escorial, near Madrid, and given the chess public just what it wanted: a brilliant win, conducted in slashing, attacking style at the most nerve-racking moment of the match.

The final position

The moves were:

White	Black	White	Black
1 e4	e5	25 Qd3	g5
2 Nf3	Nc6	26 Qe5	Rde8
3 Bb5	a6	27 Re2	Rc8
4 Ba4	Nf6	28 Qd3	gxh4
5 0-0	Nxe4	29 f4	Rg8
6 d4	b5	30 Qf3	bxc3
7 Bb3	d5	31 bxc3	Rb6
8 dxe5	Be6	32 Bc2	Rg4
9 c3	Bc5	33 Kh2	Rxf4
10 Nbd2	0-0	34 Rxd5	Bxd5
11 Bc2	f5	35 Qxd5	Rxf4
12 Nb3	Bb6	36 Bxe5	Qg7
13 Nfd4	Nxd4	37 Bd4	Re8
14 Nxd4	Bxd4	38 Qd5	Qg3+
15 Qxd4	c5	39 Kg1	h3
16 Qd1	b5	40 Rf2	h2+
17 f3	Ng5	41 Kh1	Rxd4
18 Be3	Rc8	42 Qxd4	Nf6
19 Qd2	a5	43 Re2	Nh5
20 Rad1	Qe7	44 e6+	Qg7
21 Bb1	Kh8	45 Kxh2	f4
22 Rfe1	Re7	46 Bg6	
23 Bf2	b4		
24 b4	Nh7	Black resigns	

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman is jailed for rape lie

A woman who framed her womanising lover for rape was jailed for six months at the Old Bailey yesterday. Ellen Smith, 39, slashed her thighs with a broken wine glass in an attempt to back her false allegations. Her lover, John Pickard, 42, was arrested by police, held in custody for ten hours and charged with rape before being released on bail. The charges were dropped when detectives checked his alibi.

Judge Coombe said that Smith had let down real victims of rape who had the courage to give evidence in court. Smith, of Leyton, east London, pleaded guilty to perverting the course of justice.

Sanctuary shuts

A man who ran what is believed to have been Britain's first refuge for battered husbands agreed at the High Court to stop using his home for that purpose. His estranged wife had claimed it was bad for their four children. Her husband is seeking other premises.

Hunter named

The hunter who drowned as he tried to save his dog from a lake at Leeds Castle, Kent, was named yesterday as Anthony Heathcote, 34, an unmarried warranty clerk of Pluckley, Kent.

Flying start

Llangollen Steam Society in North Wales is offering two-hour lessons in driving the 69-year-old *Flying Scotsman* train for £95.

'Nobody in dock' at sea oil enquiry

BY LIN JENKINS

LORD Donaldson of Lymington said yesterday that nobody would be in the dock during his public enquiry into the prevention of pollution from merchant shipping, which was set up in the wake of the foundering of the *Braer* off Shetland.

He appealed for written submissions from interested parties to be made by the end of February as he announced the scope of his task. "Because we are looking at the future, nobody is in the dock, nobody is being accused of anything," he said. The enquiry is to advise on whether further measures are appropriate and feasible to protect the UK coastline from pollution, taking into consideration the international and economic implications.

Lord Donaldson, former Master of the Rolls and president of the British Maritime Law Association, told a preliminary hearing that the *Braer* incident would be looked into, as would previous spillages such as the *Torrey Canyon* and *Amoco Cadiz*.

The main topics to be considered included navigation, routes, weather forecasting and position finding. The structure and design of ships, their classification, standards and systems of maintenance, and operational matters such as who held responsibility, would be included. Current legislation would be examined.

The question of compensation, and who pays it, would come under the remit of the enquiry, since it had "some bearing on the extent to which enthusiasm goes into avoiding these incidents".

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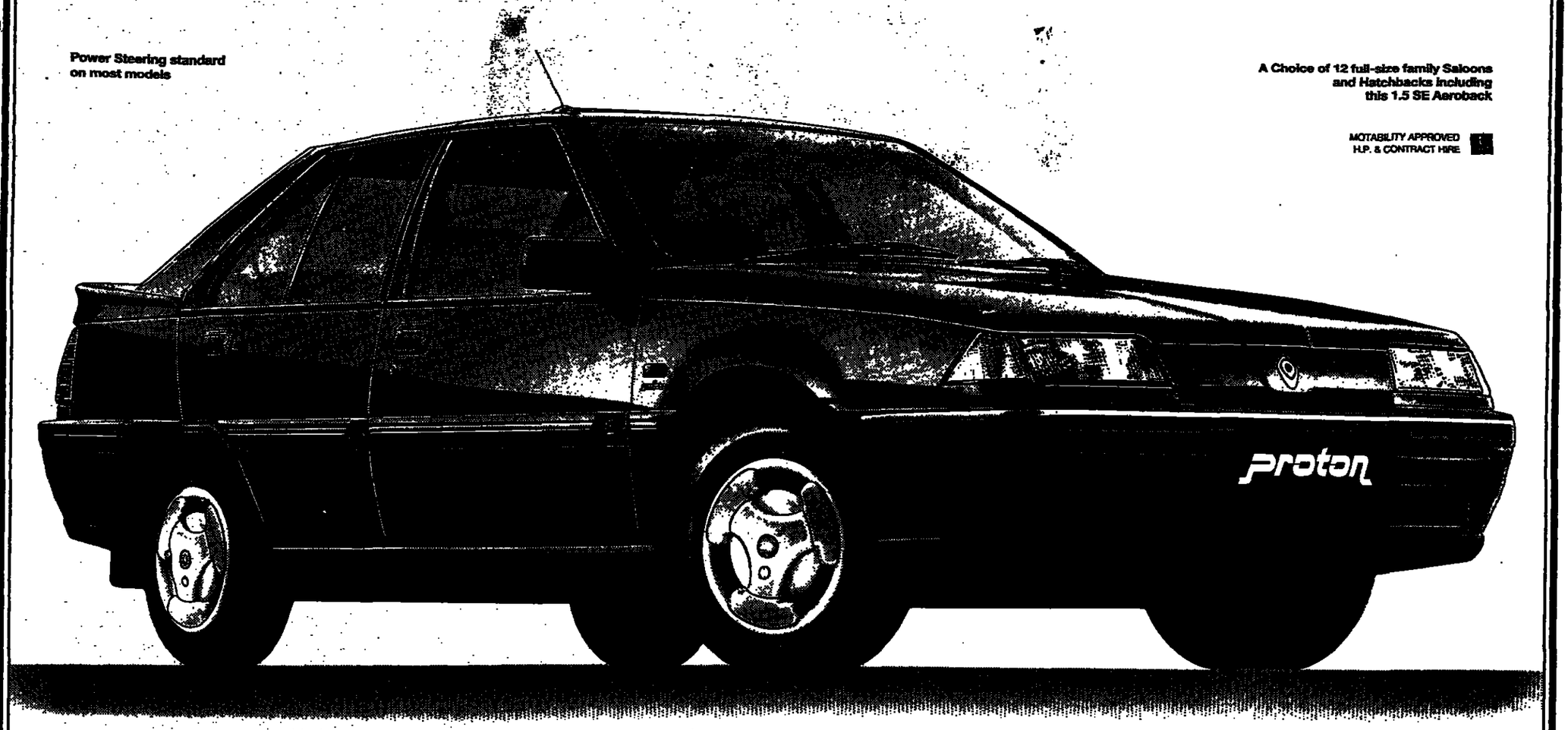

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Burmese youth place hopes in solitary leader of dissent

■ Unless she leaves the country and agrees to abandon her fight for democracy, Aung San Suu Kyi will not be forgiven by the army

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN RANGOON

The frail figure of Aung San Suu Kyi is as powerful in Burma as the tough ruling army, according to a senior diplomat who knows her well, because she has 90 per cent of the Burmese people behind her.

There is no chance of her release for the time being and although there are six guard posts manned by soldiers with weapons scrutinising passing cars and pedestrians outside her crumbling, colonial-style family residence, envoys and Burmese say that it is the army which is the real prisoner.

Daw Suu Kyi, 47, is everything the unsophisticated hardline Burmese army chiefs, criticised worldwide for human rights abuses, are not; she is highly educated, polyglot, articulate and popular. She is also the daughter of Burma's assassinated national hero, General Aung San, who fought for and won independence from Britain in the 1940s.

Since July 1989, the 1991 Nobel peace prize winner has remained under house arrest in Rangoon's University Avenue with only a maid for company. She has no direct contact with ordinary Burmese people or the diplomatic community.

A senior envoy said: "They hate her because they fear her. A whole army is afraid of a single woman. They are at a loss over how to deal with her."

According to officials of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, which seized power in September 1988 after suppressing pro-democracy demonstrations, and as far as any diplomat knows, Daw Suu Kyi is in good health, despite recent assertions by her British husband that her situation is "very critical". She is believed to pass her time reading, meditating and carrying out a limited programme of physical exercise. She no longer plays her out-of-tune piano, but she does have a radio. "She is not on hunger strike," Lieutenant Colonel Kway Win, deputy director of the directorate of defence services intelligence, whose representative maintains contact with her, said in an interview. "Her health is good."

Since General Than Shwe took over as chairman of the law restoration council last April, year, relieving a predecessor who went insane, and introducing certain cautious

Aris: two visits to his wife in three years

steps towards a limited liberalisation, the slim, elegant Daw Suu Kyi has twice been able to receive her husband, Michael Aris, and their teenage sons Alexander and Kim. Mr Aris, an Oxford scholar, says his wife's financial resources are meagre and that she has refused assistance, even medical care, from the council.

Diplomats believe that as long as General Ne Win, Burma's reclusive, now semi-retired strongman for the past 31 years, remains alive, there is little hope of release for Daw Suu Kyi except on the council's own terms: that she leave the country and abandon the fight for democracy. If she left, she would not be allowed to return.

Diplomats say the general's anger stems from Daw Suu Kyi being the only person in Burma brave enough to have attacked him openly. "He will never forgive that," a foreign envoy said.

Almost unknown in Burma until she returned from Britain in 1988 after 30 years to nurse her dying mother, Daw Suu Kyi joined the fledgeling pro-democracy movement — she had retained her Burmese nationality — and has now become the repository of the hopes of most Burmese for the future.

One envoy says of Daw Suu Kyi: "She is the one person who can express the hopes and the aspirations of the Burmese people after years of military dictatorship."

In a Rangoon shop, a 70-year-old woman looks over both shoulders before confiding: "Ninety per cent of Burmese people love Aung San Suu Kyi." At Pegu, 50 miles to the north, two boys at Mahazedi pagoda hold up their thumbs and say quietly: "Aung San Suu Kyi — number one!" In the southern city of Moulmein a retired engineer says: "We pray for her release soon."

A foreign diplomat said: "People are afraid that, should anything happen to her, they would be left leaderless again."

The law restoration council says that it is starting the long process of handing back power to an elected civilian government, a process resuming on Monday with the reconvening of a conference setting guidelines to prepare a new constitution.

But Daw Suu Kyi's incarceration clearly undermines the council's claims. When asked why it did not attempt to regain world respect by releasing her, Colonel Ye Htut, the council's spokesman, made an indirect accusation of racism: "Western journalists are only concerned about her because she is married to a Britisher. If released, unscrupulous elements might try to manipulate her to destabilise the situation."

Daw Sun Kyi, who in the 1988 political struggles looked death unflinchingly in the face as soldiers raised weapons to shoot her at point-blank range until the order was countermanded, is unlikely to buckle under the extreme psychological pressure.

Given that she is not going to abandon Burma or the political struggle for exile, what hope is there of ultimate release? Precious little in the short term, diplomats say, as General Ne Win, aged at least 82, is still robust. However, some envoys believe that if the more liberalising tendency in the council leadership manifested since General Than Shwe took power continues, there is some hope in the long term.

One diplomat recalled that Daw Suu Kyi told him shortly before her arrest for "disturbing the peace" that one of her most difficult tasks was convincing student supporters that the army had to retain its key role in Burma.

"She understood that well," said the envoy, "and we can only hope a new generation of military leaders will be ready to make a place for Aung San Suu Kyi just as she was ready to do that for them."

Confined but not forgotten: Aung San Suu Kyi, the Nobel peace prize-winner, is thought to have little chance of being released by the government for ten years

Bid to appease critics

Yeltsin shifts focus to Asian alliance

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PRESIDENT Yeltsin said yesterday that friendship between Russia, India and China would lend new stability and balance to the world.

The Russian leader's focus on Asian policy, in an address to the Indian parliament, appeared to be directed at hardliners in his own country who have criticised his close relationship with America. "Peaceful relations between the three largest nations could be a stabilising factor, not only in Asia but in the world," he said. He praised India's attempts in the past three years to improve its ties with China, which he said matched Russia's moves to end rivalries with Peking.

Referring to critics of his pro-Western stance, Mr Yeltsin said he had given priority to nuclear disarmament agreements with America but that he wanted to "strike a balance between West and East. It is my hope you will support this." He told a news conference later: "We have neither a pro-Western nor a pro-Eastern foreign policy."

He said Russia would never play the "Indian card" against other countries, as the former Soviet Union did against the West during the Cold war. He reiterated his opposition to the "blocks" of countries that characterised previous East-West relations.

P.V. Narasimha Rao, the Indian prime minister, has also come under fire for turning too quickly to Western bodies such as the International Monetary Fund in a search for foreign investment for the economic reform programme he launched in July 1991.

The Russian leader was ending a two-day visit in which he reached a compromise agreement on India's repayment of debts, mostly for past arms purchases, and on joint production of spare parts for India's armed forces. Russia will build one or two factories in India to produce parts for the country's military, 80 per cent of which is Soviet-supplied.

"In the military sphere, we have a tradition with India, and we do not intend to destroy that," Mr Yeltsin said. He confirmed that Russia was negotiating to sell India 88 military jet trainers, which Indian sources have said would cost $500 million (£330 million). Britain and France are also bidding for the contract.

The Russian leader said he would support India's bid to become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council. He said that eligibility should be based on a country's size, population and wealth, not solely on the number of nuclear warheads it possessed.

India has called for reform of the UN and for making the security council broad-based. It says decisions affecting the entire world were being taken by an exclusive club of nations led by America. Britain, China, France and Russia are the other four permanent members. Brazil, Germany, Indonesia, Japan and Nigeria have also expressed interest in permanent membership.

In his address to parliament, repeatedly interrupted by applause, Mr Yeltsin also expressed support for India in its conflict with Pakistan over control of Kashmir and said Moscow had no intention of giving military or technological aid to Pakistan. He said, however, that Russia welcomed any step that would lead to a solution of the Kashmir dispute and would do whatever it could to help. India and Pakistan have fought three wars, two over Kashmir.

Mr Yeltsin said the friendship and co-operation treaty and other trade and cultural agreements signed on Thursday were not directed against any third country but were intended to "help India protect its sovereignty, independence, integrity and unity". The agreement on the repayment of billions of dollars that India owed the former Soviet Union ended a major irritant between the once close allies. The debt had been difficult to negotiate because of the plummeting value of the rouble.

□ **Pay rise:** Inflation lay behind the Russian parliament's decision to raise Mr Yeltsin's monthly salary to 72,000 roubles (£97). The average monthly salary in Russia is 13,000 roubles but oil workers in remote parts of Siberia earn about the same as Mr Yeltsin.

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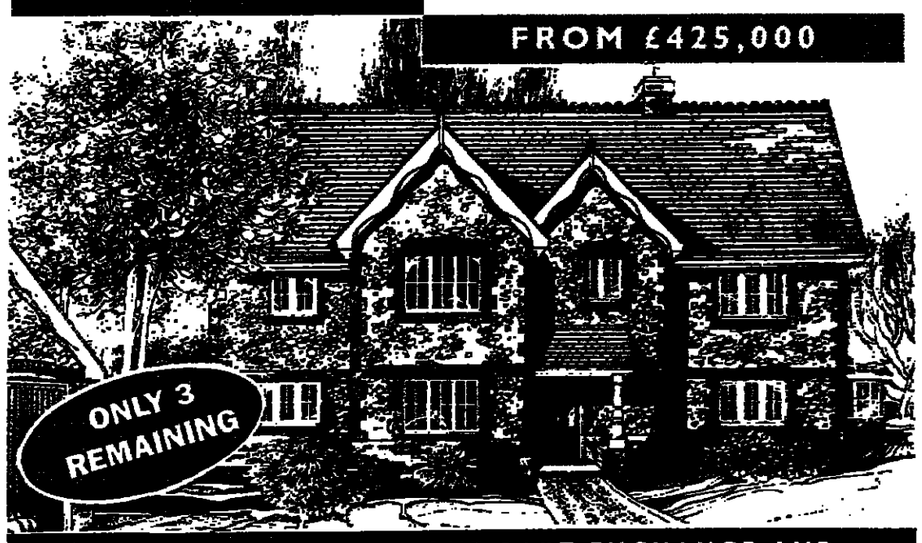

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Peruvians defy guerrillas to vote in municipal elections

BY CORINNE SCHMIDT-LYNCH IN LIMA AND GABRIELLA GAMINI

TERRORISTS killed three candidates in Peru's mayoral elections on Thursday, exploded a car bomb outside the Lima offices of the IBM computer company, and burnt a dozen buses in an attempt to disrupt yesterday's municipal vote.

Nobody was killed by the car bomb, planted by the Shining Path, but a dozen people were injured and surrounding offices and homes were damaged. IBM is due to count the election votes.

Earlier on Thursday, two hooded guerrillas shot dead Alejandro Pantigoso, an independent candidate for the office of mayor in Villa El Salvador, and his wife in their home in the southern outskirts of Lima. About 540 miles southeast of the capital, guerrillas also killed two mayoral candidates in Keluyo.

The deaths brought to at least 20 the number of candidates or political leaders killed by the Shining Path since last November. At least 100 others have stepped down due to guerrilla threats.

Police and soldiers patrolled Lima's streets and guarded polling stations yesterday while the defence ministry broadcast reassurances to voters over the radio. Despite the bombings and the Shining Path's threat to murder those who ignore its election boycott, most Peruvians did not seem to have been deterred. More than 11 million voters were expected at polling booths throughout Peru to elect 187 provincial mayors and at least 12,000 district councillors.

President Fujimori said the elections were a sign that he was restoring democracy to Peru after having dismissed congress and disbanded the judiciary in a coup last April. Traditional opposition parties, who boycotted elections for a constituent assembly in November, because they claimed parties backed by the president were given an unfair advantage, are hoping to do well in the municipal elections.

The most important municipal office in the country is that of Lima's provincial mayor. The incumbent, a centre-right independent, Ricardo Belmont, is expected to win, but he must compete with 37 other candidates. Even in shantytowns such as San Juan de Lurigancho, a focus of Shining Path activity, 36 candidates are running for the job of district mayor. Pedro Zazzali who is seeking re-election despite death threats, said that people had more hope since Abimael Guzmán, the leader of Shining Path, was captured last November.

Throughout the country, candidates seem willing to defy the election boycott. Even Chuschi, high in the Andes, is holding its first municipal election in 12 years. Shining Path symbolically began its war in Chuschi in 1980, burning ballot boxes used in general elections. In 1989 a campaign of terror by the group left 45 mayors dead and forced dozens of highland districts to cancel their municipal elections. Only in a few small agricultural towns such as Barranca, north of Lima, was the boycott expected to affect the election. Public transport was halted there on Thursday after guerrillas declared a two-day "armed strike" in Lima and some provincial cities.

Pupils held in gambling raids

FROM REUTER IN SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE police have raided 28 unlicensed billiard parlours, detaining 378 people for questioning in a move to protect schoolchildren, police said yesterday.

All 378 detainees, who included 170 pupils wearing school uniform, have been released and no action will be taken against them. Operators of the games parlours could be fined up to £2,000 for operating without a licence. Police received more than 200 complaints last year from schools and parents about children playing truant in order to visit the illegal parlours.

"The parents in particular have expressed concern that their children are keeping bad company at these outlets, which are also patronised by persons of dubious character including members of secret societies and street corner gangs," a police spokesman said.

Police seized 85 billiard tables and other equipment to put a stop to the outlets, which offered video games and "jackpot and horse-racing machines within their premises to facilitate gambling", the police spokesman said.

Singapore, which is still influenced by Lee Kuan Yew, the former prime minister, prides itself on lack of corruption. The country strictly regulates gambling with the aim of safeguarding the morality of its citizens and controlling crime.

Lee Kuan Yew: still a strong influence

NEWS IN BRIEF

Deportees refuse to appeal

ISRAEL was yesterday gearing up for a diplomatic offensive to head off a confrontation with the United Nations Security Council over the fate of hundreds of Palestinians still stranded in southern Lebanon (Richard Beeston writes).

Although the left-wing coalition government of Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, took steps to facilitate the appeals process for the 396 exiled men, the gesture was rejected by the Palestinians, who demanded that their case be taken up by the 15-nation security council. They said an appeal would legitimise the expulsion order.

Border alert

Moscow: The parliament of Tajikistan decreed an emergency on the border with Afghanistan after guards shot dead five smugglers, Tass reported. *(AFP)*

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Costly union

Seoul: A report by the South Korean finance ministry estimates that unification of North and South Korea would cost Seoul $980 billion (£650 billion) in the first ten years. *(Reuter)*

Comic attack

Tokyo: A 17-year-old student underwent surgery for a ruptured spleen after being kicked in the stomach by his high school teacher. The teacher said the boy had repeatedly refused to stop reading a comic in class. *(AP)*

Final delivery

Harvel, Illinois: August Sutter, 83, who has delivered the post along the same country roads for 64 years has decided to retire to spend time with his ailing wife. *(AP)*

Strongarm stuff

Hong Kong: A computerised arm-wrestling machine has broken the arms of five young men in video parlours in the past two weeks. Signs in English explain the risks but most patrons are Cantonese. *(AP)*

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De Klerk urges democracy to prevent war

■ The South African president hopes that tough measures against rising crime will reassure whites, as he pushes ahead with plans for a multiracial constitution

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN CAPE TOWN

PRESIDENT de Klerk yesterday announced a security crackdown in South Africa, but warned whites frightened by rising crime that democracy was the only alternative to "devastating war".

Opening the 1993 session of parliament, Mr de Klerk said he was optimistic that multiparty constitutional talks could resume in March. "The simple truth is that a devastating war will ensue if negotiation does not succeed," Mr de Klerk told white, Coloured and Indian MPs in the parliament that still excludes the black majority. He said the successful resumption of multiparty talks in March could help meet his goal of agreement on a transitional government by September and the first non-racial elections early in 1994.

At what is expected to be the last annual opening of the tricameral, racially based parliament, Mr de Klerk announced that his government had accepted the principle of a bill of rights, and would table a motion in parliament shortly. The government was ready to abolish statutory provisions which were not compatible with fundamental rights.

To reinforce the National party's commitment to human rights after 40 years of depriving most South Africans of those rights, R. F. "Pik" Botha, the foreign minister, announced that the South African ambassador to the United Nations would sign the country's adherence to five international conventions on human rights.

However, other sections of the presidential speech indicated that Mr de Klerk has been looking over his shoulder at the loss of support from white voters for himself and his party shown by recent opinion polls. He announced tough measures to deal with the crime and violence afflicting the country. The illicit possession of automatic weapons and explosives will become punishable by a minimum jail term of five years. He promised special procedures for the trial of serious crimes, an increase in other penalties, and summary refusal of bail. He also promised to look at a proposal that a person found by a court to be a "dangerous criminal" might be sentenced to an indeterminate term of imprisonment. The president also said the government would review the moratorium on the death penalty in view of the wave of killings in the country.

The government is proposing to spend 10 million rand (£2 million) upgrading the reserve police force, the neighbourhood watch system, and also on integrating the black self-defence units into a national network of community protection and crime prevention. He is also to help isolated farmers with alarm systems and fencing.

Mr de Klerk also announced that one of the main structures of apartheid, the so-called "own affairs" administration of many government matters, is to be dismantled. Instead of agriculture, health, and local government being administered separately for whites, Indians and Coloureds, these areas will be run by a single department.

The president indicated that a transitional executive council, an electoral commission and boundaries commission were envisaged, but he did not, as was expected, bring forward specific proposals for legislation. However, the government's own timetable calls for the establishment of these bodies by June.

Mr de Klerk announced the phasing out of the President's Council, a constitutional device which has enabled him to push through legislation that has been turned down by one or other of the three houses of parliament.

The speech was castigated by the African National Congress for not going far enough in some aspects — and much too far in others. Pallo Jordan, the ANC's information chief, insisted at a press conference that "the whole country has been terribly let down" by the statement. Although the ANC welcomed the National party's "cultivation of a human rights culture", Mr Jordan insisted that "a bill of rights is properly left to a constituent assembly".

The ANC said Mr de Klerk's comments on violence showed the government's bad faith. "The measures he has announced are all designed to protect property," Mr Jordan said, "and nothing is said to address the national scandal of train violence directed against black commuters."

Schalk Pienaar, of the right-wing Conservative Party, called for "the banning and disarming of the terrorist armies of the ANC and the PAC [Pan Africanist Congress]".

Johannesburg: Changes in South African television are attracting viewers' complaints. The South African Broadcasting Corporation's formerly all-white TV1 channel now has some non-white presenters. However, some critics say the SABC reinforces the apartheid mentality by directing one of its two channels at whites and the other at blacks. For some South Africans, state television is a symbol of apartheid; to others, an example of blacks taking over. *(AP)*

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Last stand: President de Klerk takes the salute with his wife Marike outside the South African parliament in Cape Town at what is expected to be the final opening of the racial tricameral assembly, which excludes blacks

French troops sent on Kinshasa mission

FROM AGENCE-FRANCE PRESSE IN BRUSSELS AND KINSHASA

FRENCH marines arrived in Kinshasa, the Zairean capital, yesterday in the first deployment of foreign forces after troops ran riot on Thursday and killed the French ambassador.

The ten marines crossed the Zaire river from Brazzaville, the Congo capital, where they had been put on alert as reports of the fighting between forces loyal to the government and mutineers indicated that France's 1,000 nationals in Zaire could be in danger. Belgium announced yesterday that it was flying troops in to protect its 3,000 citizens in Zaire, roughly half of whom live in Kinshasa. Jean-Luc Dehaene, the prime minister, said the move had been agreed with France, which had 150 marines on standby in Brazzaville.

Military sources in Paris and Brussels said more French and Belgian troops were ready to fly into Zaire from the central African republic of Gabon, and Belgium. Médecins Sans Frontières, the Belgian aid organisation, reported that there were "numerous bodies" in Kinshasa's streets. A spokesman said they were trying to establish a death toll from Kinshasa's hospitals: early reports said only four deaths had been confirmed.

The loyalist troops appeared to be getting the upper hand yesterday after a day of random violence and looting which saw Phillippe Bernard, 61, the French ambassador, killed by a stray bullet in the heart. Another stray bullet killed a Zairean employee at the French embassy.

Diplomats in Belgium said two Belgian nationals had been seriously injured but their lives were not in danger. The Belgians were reported to have been injured when looters broke into their homes.

Sporadic gunfire echoed through the city centre and sources said the mutinous troops were continuing to loot shops and buildings in the eastern industrial suburbs.

Radio Zaire said yesterday that the unrest was caused by elements in the army protesting at being paid with new bank notes that traders have refused to accept. However, observers in Kinshasa suspect that the mutineers' action has more to do with long-standing grievances over low pay then the new currency.

Ayatollahs dash hopes of softer line from Tehran

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN TEHRAN

Preparations to celebrate the 14th anniversary of Iran's Islamic revolution next week have dashed hopes that the country might adopt a more moderate, relatively pro-Western stance.

Amid frenzied chants of "down with America" and "down with Israel", the plans were outlined yesterday in a Friday prayer sermon at Tehran university in which Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati, a noted hardliner, ruled out any compromise with the West. The ayatollah, a close aide of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's spiritual leader, drew the loudest cheer from the crowd of 20,000 when he repeated the message of "No" to ties with the United States outlined by Ayatollah Khamenei earlier this week in a meeting with military commanders.

The worshippers gathered in the heavily guarded compound punched their fists in the wintery sunshine as they chanted: "There will be no compromise."

The anti-American theme was seen as a message of defiance to President Clinton and an attempt to undermine any sign that President Rafsanjani, the leading pragmatist, might offer an olive branch to Washington. The president has called a press conference here tomorrow to which Western journalists have been hastily invited.

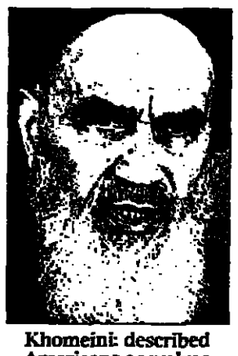
The choice of Ayatollah Jannati, jailed four times under the shah, to deliver the sermon was seen as ominous by many diplomats. Last November, the ayatollah said that in preparation for a "third world war" between Iran and the West, Iran was "activating" its anti-Western cells around the globe. Continuing fear of internal opposition was demonstrated by the strict body searches carried out on all who entered the prayer area.

The anti-Western tone of the address was received enthusiastically even by those who admit privately that Western, and especially American, technological expertise is needed to help Iran's faltering economy. Worsening social conditions provoked a string of riots in May last year.

"The US needs Iran more than Iran needs the US," Aziz Zahmatkesh, 38, a tobacco merchant, boasted. "We have everything we need. We can get all the weapons we need on the black market." Hejatoleslan Jannati's address came only days after Ayatollah Khamenei made clear the theme for the anniversary known here as the "ten-day dawn". He ruled out reconciliation with "the enemies and arrogants" and repeated a characterisation that was popular with the late Ayatollah Khomeini when he described the Americans as "wolves".

The defiance is certain to increase Washington's growing concern about Iran's rapid re-armament, its alleged efforts towards acquiring nuclear capability and its growing aggression in the Gulf where it is likely soon to replace Iraq as the main threat to Western interests.

It was noted pointedly by the *Tehran Times* that the anniversary, as well as being marked on the mainland, would be marked on Abu Musa and two smaller strategic islands in the Gulf over which Iran has claimed sovereignty.



Khomeini: described Americans as wolves

The hopes of reformers and some expatriates who came back from abroad have been dashed by the appearance of increased numbers of Islamic vigilantes. These groups, which often set up impromptu roadblocks, have been enforcing strict adherence with Islamic dress codes. The reappearance in force of the basecj, the irregular shock troops of the revolution, has been supported by the Majlis (parliament).

Despite the dampening of hopes raised by the election victory last year of pragmatists allied to President Rafsanjani, there have been some significant changes in Iranian life since the early days of the revolution. Worshippers leaving yesterday's crowded prayer session were met by a hawker on Enqelab Square near by selling large colour photographs of Rambo.

Clinton to announce 'gay truce'

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton was expected to end a wretched first full week in office last night by announcing a fragile compromise with Senate Democrats that would enable him immediately to suspend the ban on homosexuals in the military without inviting a certain congressional rebellion.

White House aides hoped the agreement would give Mr Clinton breathing space to build support for formally lifting the ban in six months. However, it was clear yesterday that the past few days had already cost the president some of the political capital that he will desperately need when he tries to tackle America's deep economic problems.

Mr Clinton's hand in his conflict with Pentagon chiefs on gay rights in the military has been strengthened by a federal judge, who declared that the forces' ban on homosexuals was unconstitutional and ordered the military to stop enforcing it.

Judge Terry Hatter of California ruled that the US Navy had "no justification" for discharging Keith Meinhold, 30, a petty officer with 12 years' service, last year after he had admitted his homosexuality on television.

"Gays and lesbians have served, and continue to serve, the US military with honour, pride, dignity and loyalty," the judge said. The Pentagon's ban was based "on cultural myths and false stereotypes. These justifications are baseless and very similiar to the reason offered to keep the military racially segregated in the 1940s."

Republicans seek party chief

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

REPUBLICANS met to pick a new party chairman yesterday, their spirits raised by President Clinton's faltering first week in office.

Feared for his skills in outflanking the opposition, the president was already beginning to look less threatening after the embarrassing withdrawal of Zoe Baird as attorney-general, his fight for homosexuals in the military and his broken promise over middle-class tax cuts.

"I thought Clinton was very smart politically, but he is going to give us lots of issues," Ernest Angelo, who represents Texas on the Republican national committee, said. The Republicans, nevertheless, face a long climb back after President Bush's defeat and they must try to decide which direction to take.

Five candidates were running for the chairmanship at the gathering of 165 national committee members in St Louis and there were doubts whether any of them would receive the 83 votes needed for victory on the first ballot. Even holding an election was quite a novelty for the Republicans because during their 12 years in control of the White House the chairman was simply chosen by Ronald Reagan and Mr Bush.

The three leading candidates for the chairmanship, none of them household names, were Haley Barbour, 45, who was Mr Reagan's political director; Spencer Abraham, 40, a former aide to Dan Quayle, the former vice-president; and John Ashcroft, 50, a former governor of Missouri. The two outsiders were Craig Berkman, 51, the Republican chairman in Oregon, and Howard "Bo" Callaway, a former congressman and secretary of the army.

Although all the candidates are white, each proclaimed the need for Republicans to become the party of "inclusion" for all Americans. Mr Ashcroft illustrated this point by holding a reception in St Louis Zoo where guests were greeted by owls, snakes, a fox and a piglet. "Virtually every creature has been welcomed into the Republican party this evening, and that is the way we want it," he said.

The party, however, is being torn apart by an internal struggle among moderates, conservatives and the Christian right. Moderates emphasise the party's affinity for low taxes and reduced regulation while the hardliners still believe that moral issues have a strong appeal.

Ivy Leaguers tussle for power

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE 300-year-old rivalry between America's Ivy League universities of Yale and Harvard has traditionally revolved not only around the sports field and examination room but also the White House.

Harvard in Cambridge, Massachusetts, has always taken pride in its reputation as a breeding ground for presidents and graduates who have attained the supreme office include two Adamses, two Roosevelts and John F. Kennedy.

Yale is catching up quickly, however. Not only did George Bush attend the university at New Haven, Connecticut, but also both Bill and Hillary Clinton have degrees from Yale law school. The only Yale graduate to occupy the Oval Office before President Bush was William Howard Taft in 1909, but Yale graduates are quick to point out that Harvard has not produced a president in the past 30 years.

Many officials in Bill Clinton's new administration share the university with their president: Robert Reich, the labour secretary, and Eugene Ludwig, the currency comptroller, were President Clinton's contemporaries, first at Oxford and later at Yale, while Les Aspin, defence secretary, and James Woolsey, Mr Clinton's CIA director, are also part of the Yale cabal.

Robert Rubin, head of the National Economic Council, attended Harvard University as an undergraduate and then went on to Yale law school.

Harvard, the oldest university in America, came into being in 1636 shortly after the Pilgrims arrived; Yale was founded by some dissident clergymen, angered at Harvard's liberal theology, 65 years later.

Gatt deal will miss deadline

FROM ANATOLE KALETSKY IN DAVOS AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THERE is no hope of completing the Uruguay trade round by March 1, the deadline set in American trade legislation, Arthur Dunkel, director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) said. Until yesterday's comment, world leaders had always insisted that a global trade deal would have to be tied up before the expiry of the present legislative authority in Washington and that such an agreement was still within reach.

Failure to complete the round by March 2 would not kill the prospects of achieving a 108-nation agreement to liberalise world trade, but it would diminish them.

Unless President Clinton can send Congress the text of an agreement by then, the "fast-track negotiating authority" granted to him will expire. That authority enables the president to present Congress with an unamendable package on which the legislators must vote yes or no.

Were Mr Clinton to send Congress a Uruguay round text after March 2 without "fast-track" authority, it would be picked apart by congressional committees and the agreement would almost certainly unravel. Mr Dunkel's comment means that hope of reaching a deal will depend on a new accord between Mr Clinton and the industrial interests in Congress, as well as on the resolution of tensions over farm trade between France and its European Community partners.

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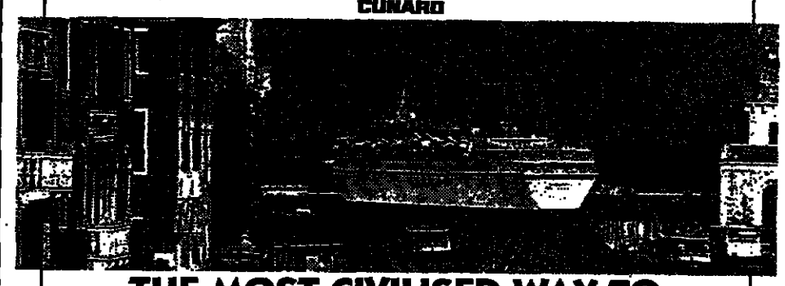

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Adriatic task force leaders review their battle plans

■ Two old school friends meet today. They are charged with co-ordinating a British withdrawal or dispatching reinforcements at short notice to back up the troops

FROM MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, ON BOARD HMS *Ark Royal* IN THE ADRIATIC

AS THE allied task force gathers in the Adriatic, British commanders will today review details of their complex contingency plans.

Sitting in the captain's dining room on the aircraft carrier HMS *Ark Royal* over lunch, two former school friends will examine the details of a complex plan to evacuate British soldiers from Bosnia-Herzegovina. This is the most dramatic of the options that will confront Captain Jeremy Blackham, commanding officer of the *Ark Royal*, and Brigadier Andrew Cumming, commander of the 2,400 troops based in Bosnia and at the main British logistics camp in the Adriatic port of Split.

The two men have not met since their school days. Now they are charged with co-ordinating a British withdrawal from Bosnia, if that is what the government decides, or dispatching reinforcements at short notice to back up the troops with artillery and ground support aircraft.

The *Ark Royal*, with eight Harriers and 11 helicopters, is steaming north up the Adriatic in a 90-mile wide sea that is becoming increasingly crowded with warships. Overnight, the American amphibious assault ship, USS *Guam*, carrying up to 20 helicopters and a battalion of marines, arrived unannounced.

Blackham: officer in command of *Ark Royal*.

The French carrier, *Clemenceau*, with seven ships in tow, will be here soon. The American carrier, USS *John F. Kennedy*, is also expected any day from the eastern Mediterranean to join up with another warship from the US 6th Fleet, USS *Wainwright*, a guided missile cruiser.

British, French and American naval commanders are all planning close co-operation. But for what? Would the Americans, who have no troops in Bosnia, assist in evacuating soldiers serving with the United Nations.

On board the *Ark Royal* and, five miles away, aboard the huge Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel *Argus* there is a heightened sense of anticipation. The royal navy task force is on 12 hours' notice to cover the troops as they withdraw or to provide extra fire power to protect them as they continue escorting humanitarian aid convoys.

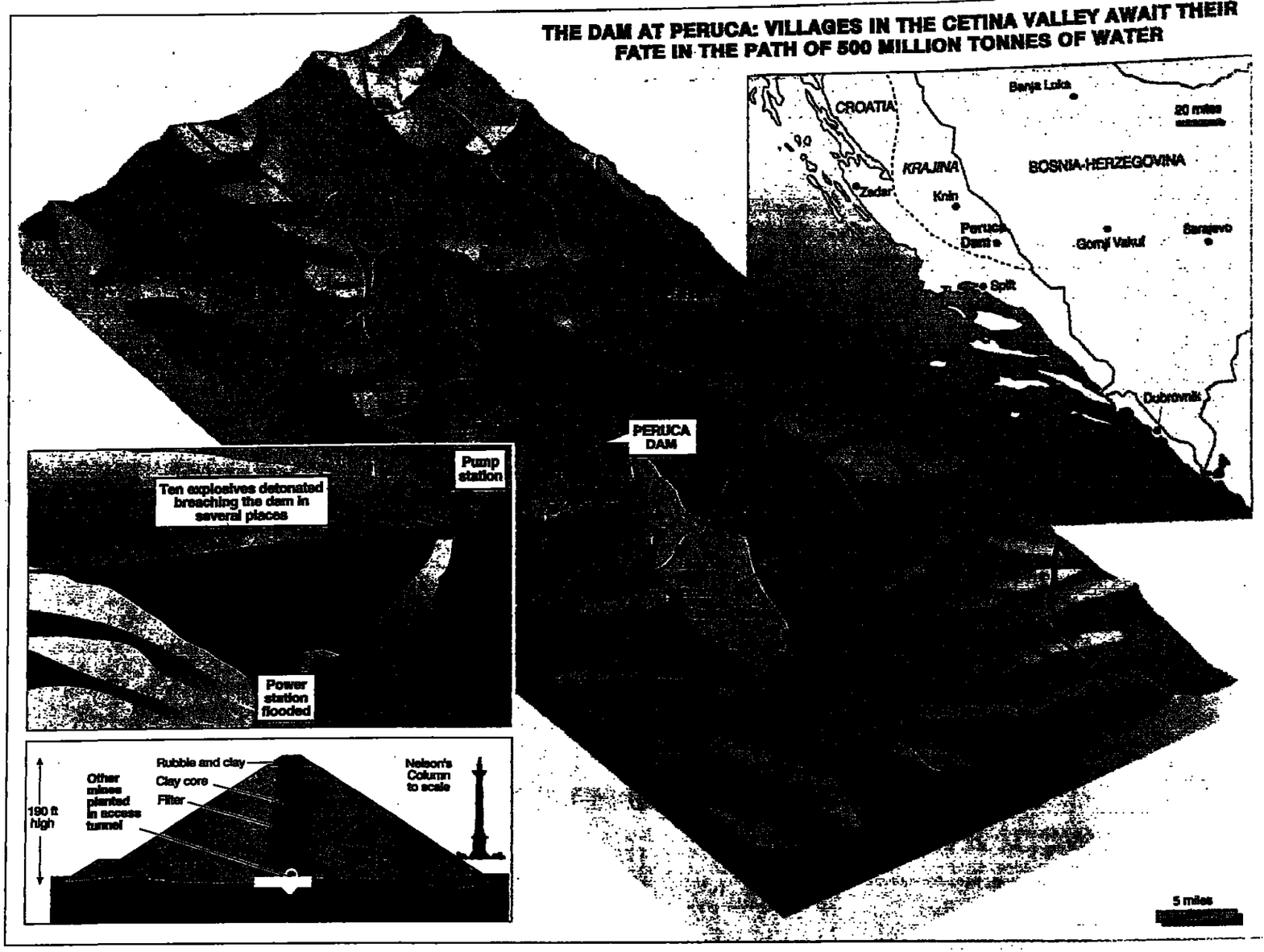
Nobody on board *Ark Royal* knows which way it is going to go but if it is to be withdrawal it will be an orderly affair. "We don't envisage anything like Dunkirk," Commander Roger Ainsley, executive officer of *Ark Royal*, remarked. Once the troops were out of Bosnia into the comparative safety of Croatia, an evacuation could take weeks. "We'd need more ships to get all the equipment out," Captain Blackham said.

Sailing in the calm waters of the Adriatic without even the sound of distant artillery to remind the men and women of *Ark Royal* and the other ships that there is a war raging only a hundred miles away, it is hardly surprising that there is a sense of unreality beneath the tension. The soldiers from 94 Locating Regiment Royal Artillery, practising their drills on board *Argus* yesterday, aimed their guns across the Adriatic and shouted firing orders. However, the shells remained packed in their boxes, ready for action if called upon.

Planning for action has been hampered by the discovery that all the land survey points in Bosnia have been "ripped up" and before the guns can go in, British survey teams will have to work out map locations for the artillery positions. The guns may never be used. The soldiers on *Argus*, unaccustomed to standing and sleeping on ground that moves up and down, are fretting at the thought of doing nothing for weeks or even months. Captain Tony Ball, 28, of 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery, said: "Ninety per cent of soldiers' time is spent in waiting."

However, this is not a normal mission. The task force has to remain in international waters because for the moment there is no agreed right of access either to Croatia or to Italy. Unlike the troops in Bosnia who arrived at Split wearing the UN blue berets, the soldiers waiting for orders in the Adriatic are under national command.

If the order to go in were to come today, the time it will take to deploy men and guns into Bosnia will depend on whether the *Ark Royal* and *Argus* can sail into Croatian waters. From the edge of Croatian territorial waters it is a journey of about 140 miles for the Sea King helicopters carrying a gun each slung underneath.



Serbs will keep fighting 'until Croats withdraw'

BY TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

HOPES of a truce in Croatia were destroyed yesterday as Serb leaders said that fighting would stop only when Croatian forces evacuated territory seized over the past week. On Thursday, United Nations officials conveyed a Croatian request to Serb leaders for an unconditional ceasefire, but that was rejected yesterday and fighting continued.

In Belgrade, Ilija Djukic, foreign minister of the former Yugoslavia, appealed to the international community to restrain the Croats so that his government would not be forced to intervene militarily.

Slobodan Jarcevic, foreign minister of the self-proclaimed Serbian republic of Krajina, said yesterday: "We are ready to talk with Zagreb immediately, but they must withdraw first." Mr Jarcevic rejected Croatian claims that their objectives in the present fighting were limited. "Lies," he said. "This is a total war against the Serbian people."

Lord Owen, one of the European Community peace negotiators, said in Geneva that warring Croats, Serbs and Muslims would be asked to give their "final decision" on a political settlement for Bosnia-Herzegovina in face-to-face talks today.

"I am cautiously optimistic — no, confident — that at the end of the day we will reach agreement. We may not reach it totally here, but if not, we will reach it in New York," he said.

Efforts to prevent oil supplies from reaching Serbia through Bulgaria and Romania along the Danube failed for the fourth consecutive day despite a flurry of high-level negotiations. As Bulgarian and Romanian border guards and customs officials looked on, the *Veledit*, transporting ten barges of crude and refined oil, reached the Serbian port of Prahova. The *Bihac* and the *Orasac*, carrying a total of 15 barges, arrived in Serbia over the past two or three days.

Meanwhile, the former commander of Canadian peacekeeping troops in the former Yugoslavia has launched a bitter attack on the UN civilian administration for failing to support forces in the field deployed under the UN banner. Major-General Lewis MacKenzie told a conference of military officers in Ottawa that the blue berets and their commanders are given next to no direction by a "bloated" bureaucracy at UN headquarters in New York.

Mr Jarcevic claimed that Croatian forces had intended to snuff out the Krajina enclave and march on its capital Knin, but he said that vastly outnumbered Serb forces had managed to stop the Croat advance.

The UN Security Council has passed a resolution demanding that Croat forces must retreat from those areas of Croatia that it has wrested from the Krajina Serbs but which were under UN protection until last Friday. That demand has been rejected by the Croatian government which says that its only compromise will be to replace its soldiers with police.

In a letter to EC leaders, President Tudjman of Croatia accused Serb leaders of preventing the application of the UN resolution and said that he expected international support for his efforts to "protect [Croatia's] sovereignty and territorial integrity".

Mr Jarcevic said that after fighting broke out his government had appealed to the Yugoslav authorities in Belgrade to launch air strikes against Croatian positions, but that the request had been refused. The reluctance of the Serb and former Yugoslav authorities to be sucked into the Krajina conflict was underlined yesterday when General Radovan Radinovic, a senior defence strategist, said that in his opinion the Yugoslav army would intervene in Krajina only "if the very survival of the Serbs is threatened".

Torrent of conflict: water gushing through the destroyed sluice gate of the Peruca dam, about 20 miles north of the Adriatic port of Split, yesterday

Russians retreat on sanctions

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

VITALI Churkin, the deputy Russian foreign minister, yesterday sharply criticised Croatia for its current offensive in Krajina, but stopped short of demanding immediate United Nations sanctions, as had been threatened. Mr Churkin, back from talks in Zagreb with President Tudjman, said that he was satisfied with the UN response so far.

Mr Churkin spoke out against Russian volunteers and mercenaries fighting on the Serb side in the Yugoslav war, and said he was aware of mercenaries ending up being shot by their own side. Moscow has also deplored the dispatch of ten supposedly "trained terrorists" to Iraq by the Russian extreme nationalist leader, Vladimir Zhirinovsky.

However, this week also saw renewed evidence of a more anti-Western line from the Russian government, at least from its rhetoric. In Delhi, President Yeltsin dismissed the threat of Western displeasure over Russia's decision to sell India motors for space rockets, which Western analysts fear could be used to power Indian nuclear missiles. In Moscow, a Yeltsin aide said Russia would be pursuing a more aggressive policy of competing with the West for international arms markets.

The Interfax news agency said yesterday that it had been told by a Russian diplomat, who asked not to be named, that the Moscow foreign ministry wanted Iraq to be allowed to export oil to Russia in order to pay off its huge debt, mostly for past deliveries of Soviet armaments. The oil had been used to keep Russia's agreement to supply oil to India, which Russia was not able to fulfil and which this week collapsed. The foreign ministry has officially denied the Interfax claim.

Bombers hit quake-proof target

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

RETREATING Serb forces who detonated parts of the 450-yard-wide Peruca dam appear to have adopted tactics radically different to those used by the famous Barnes Wallis dambusters of the second world war.

Destroying a dam by using explosives is, according to civil engineers, extremely difficult even if the construction of the structure is rock and earth as opposed to concrete.

All dams are built to withstand earthquakes to standards laid down by the International Commission on Large Dams. There is no suggestion that the 190ft-high Croatian dam, built on the Cetina river and completed in 1960 by a consortium of Croatian and Slovene power and engineering companies, was built to a lower standard.

The Serb forces appear to have tried to blast away the top of the dam to cause an overflow of the 570 million cubic metres of water reserves held behind. Reports from witness say that the road across the structure has buckled and is sinking across the centre following the explosions. The effect of such action is to increase the overspill of water, which in turn can cause erosion and a gradual failure of the dam's earthen wall.

There were doubts yesterday over claims that a large breach was made in the dam wall, which has a thick clay core. Earth and rock-filled dams naturally leak a certain amount of water and that may account for claims that water was spilling from the wall.

Reports that water was spilling from the base of the dam may also be less than disastrous. The Peruca, which links with a network of power stations further downstream, has overflow spill pipes that can release 200 cubic metres a second at its base.

Aggressors and defenders have both breached man-made barriers against water in time of war. In 1574, the Dutch, in revolt against Spanish occupation, breached the dykes to break the siege of Leiden. This deliberate flooding forced back the Spanish army.

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Germans struggle to break free from grip of Stalingrad siege

■ As Germany ponders whether it should take a more active role in solving Europe's conflicts, two anniversaries of its traumatic past are shaping its resolve

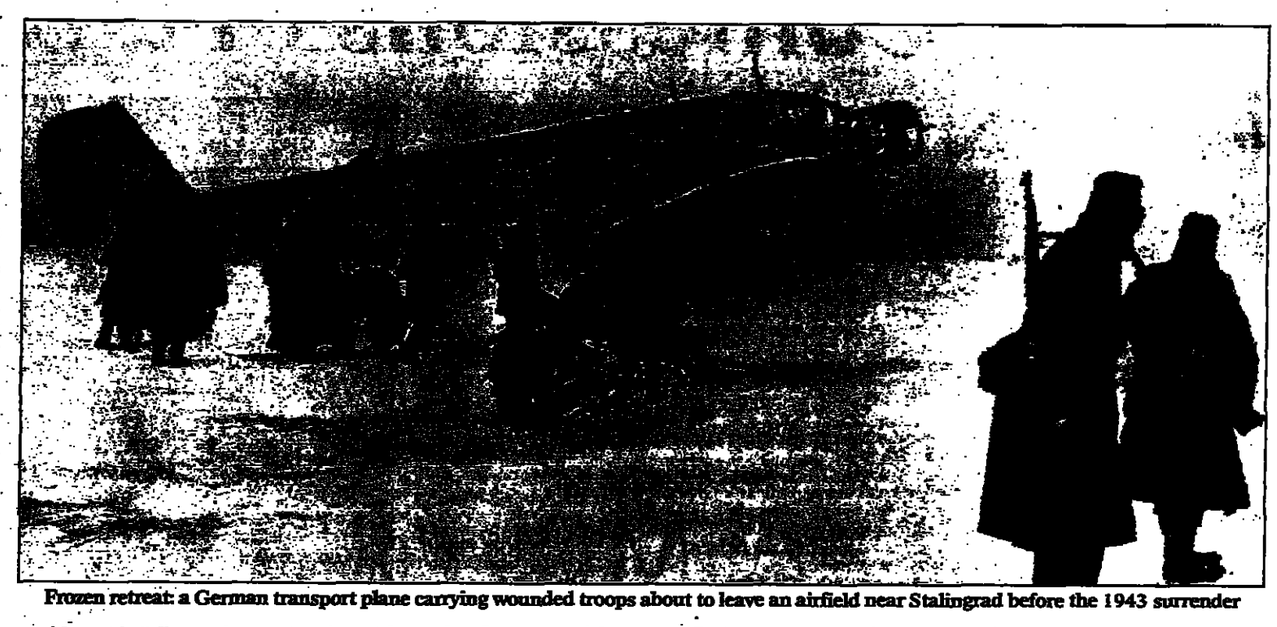
By Michael Binyon in Bonn and Roger Boyes, East Europe Correspondent

FIFTY years ago tomorrow Germany suffered its bloodiest military defeat of all time: more than 100,000 men, exhausted, frost-bitten, wounded and starving surrendered with Field-Marshal Friedrich von Paulus to the Red Army encircling them at Stalingrad.

Two generations later, Germany is recalling, with awful clarity, a disaster so appalling that the Third Reich never recovered. Yesterday, the 60th anniversary of Hitler's seizure of power in 1933, politicians reflected on the decisive influence both events had on German history and drew the conclusion that Germans must be doubly vigilant at a time of war in the Balkans and radical right extremism at home.

For years the trauma of the event blocked any public commemoration of the defeat at Stalingrad. The city bearing the name of Hitler's arch foe became a blood-soaked wasteland, a mass grave for more than 165,000 men of the Wehrmacht, the Romanian regiments and Ukrainian collaborators. In three months of fighting — house by house, street by street — heroism and barbarism marked the struggle between two dictators for a city whose symbolism became an obsession for both.

All over Germany, books, magazines, films, television and lectures are now covering the agony and brutality of the slaughter in great detail. A television series, co-produced with the Russians and using previous unknown footage, brought together some of the former combatants. A new film, *Stalingrad*, tracing the horror of the battle through the eyes of four ordinary soldiers, is playing to packed cinemas. Scenes of men in punishment battalions trying to scrabble with their fingers in the frozen earth as Russian tanks roll over them, leaving truncated bodies writhing in agony, are among the bloodiest and most harrowing fictional accounts of war seen in Germany.



Frozen retreat: a German transport plane carrying wounded troops about to leave an airfield near Stalingrad before the 1943 surrender

Stalingrad had a profound effect on Germany. Fear of Russia was the guiding sentiment of the postwar German political class. The Ostpolitik of the Social Democrats and Christian Democrats transmuted but did not banish this fear. Instead, there was an exaggerated respect for the stagnant, fumbling regimes in the Kremlin and an eagerness to co-operate with Moscow. The reasoning was that Russia had to be humoured if there was to be an orderly relationship between East and West Germany. This prompted over-conciliatory gestures and a reluctance to take part in any American-led strategic embargoes or sanctions.

Unification should have changed this mentality, but it did not. Germans made a cult figure of Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet president, and sent thousands of food packages to relieve a famine that never happened. Bonn has become the single most important aid donor to Russia, easily outstripping Britain, France, America and Japan.

Oddly, the Russian fears of Germany — conditioned by 20 million war dead — and central European anxieties about the friendship between Germany and Russia, have largely receded over the past year. Even the rise of neo-Nazi activists has not dulled a new sense that Germany should become more, and not less, assertive in the east.

For Poland, too, the doomsday scenario is no longer that jackbooted Germans will march across the frontier, but rather that Russia will hurtle into chaos. The threat of an imploding Russia is the overriding anxiety of all of central and eastern Europe and it is a concern that is beginning to influence German political thinking.

Mitterrand's poll hopes swept away

From Charles Bremner in Paris

WHEN Scottish workers at the Hoover factory in Cambuslang agreed to labour concessions for the sake of 400 new jobs, they could hardly have imagined they were hurling a paving stone into the pond of French poll politics.

Yet their decision, which led to the American company sacking 700 at its vacuum cleaner plant in Burgundy, has rebounded well beyond the issue of local economic damage to strike President Mitterrand's two main electoral cards: a lavish welfare system and the fruits of European unity.

With seven weeks to go to parliamentary elections, the "Hoover scandal", as it is known, has been seized on by the conservative opposition as a weapon to kick a Socialist party which, if not quite down, is already on its knees. Polls this week showed as many people planning to vote for the Ecology Alliance as for the Socialists, the party which has held power for ten of the past 12 years. Though many voters may only be registering a protest with pollsters, the surge by the ecologists threatens to reshape the French political landscape.

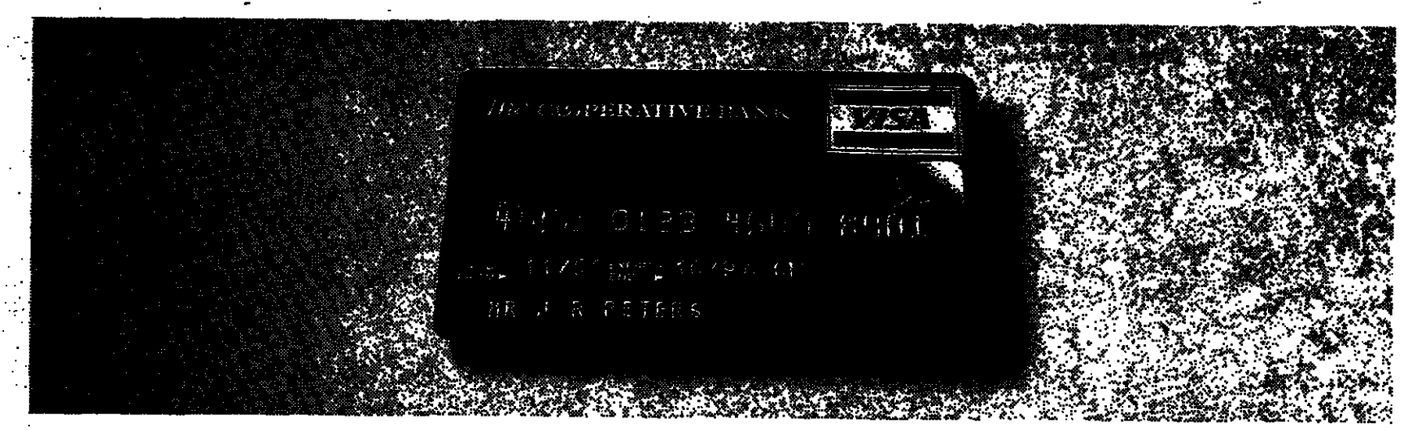
As symbolism, the Hoover deal was explosive because it involved two villains of French mythology, the United States and Britain, committing perfidy over the most emotional issue in the election campaign: unemployment. With rare unanimity, ministers and opposition leaders said Hoover had cynically played British workers off against their French counterparts with help from the British government. The social chapter of the Maastricht accords was intended to prevent such "social dumping", as the government called it, but Britain had of course opted out.

"This is a form of banditry," said M Mitterrand. Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister, has asked Brussels to investigate the £2.5 million of aid given by Britain to the project. Under EC rules such help was "not meant to destroy employment elsewhere."

The deal was ammunition for opponents of the Maastricht accord on both left and right. "France has noted that Europe does not exist: the law of each one for himself prevails as soon as important interests are at stake," said the conservative *France Soir*. The doomed Hoover employees of Dijon, said *l'Humanité*, the Communist party newspaper, were "the children of Maastricht". Britain, commentators agreed, was turning itself into a Third World-style labour pool. The Europe-1 radio station said Britain had decided to the status of "aircraft carrier" for the Americans and Japanese.

The right has homed in on the underlying reason for Hoover's decision: the high "social charges" which are driving French jobs elsewhere. Hoover said overall labour costs in Scotland were nearly 40 per cent cheaper.

The anger over Hoover has merged with the indignation over Washington's threat of high steel tariffs to foment a tide of nationalist sentiment over trade. Jacques Chirac, the RPR conservative party leader and possible prime minister after the elections, said as far as he was concerned, the recent US-Community accords on farm trade was null and void. They were, he insisted, produced by "incompetents" in Brussels, a group which included Jacques Delors, the Commission president. The remark reflected a growing tendency among the French opposition to depict M Delors as too soft on Britain and America.



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Alexander Chancellor in New York

■ And now for the good news . . . one of New York's brash tabloids has a streetwise new owner

A bloody tabloid war is about to start in New York, with brand-new generals preparing to lead their troops into battle. The *New York Daily News*, which was once ostentatiously "saved" by Robert Maxwell, has now been saved again by Mortimer Zuckerman, a Canadian-born, self-made property millionaire, who acquired it three weeks ago. And the *New York Post*, which was once saved by Rupert Murdoch and was this week teetering yet again on the brink of closure, has found its own new last-minute saviour in the person of Steven Hoffenberg.

Mr Zuckerman long ago achieved social prominence by buying the venerable *Atlantic Monthly* and the *US News and World Report*, a weekly rival to *Time* and *Newsweek*. But until this week, hardly anybody had ever heard of Mr Hoffenberg. This situation will not last.

Mr Hoffenberg, aged 48, has made all his money out of debt-collecting. His company, Towers Financial Corporation, which he started with $2,000 in 1972 and which now has a reported annual turnover of between $1 billion and $2 billion, settles companies' outstanding bills at a discount and then collects the money in full from the debtors. His business activities have brought Towers a deluge of civil law suits and constant brushes with the regulatory authorities. In 1988 the company was disciplined by the New York Securities and Exchange Commission for failing to meet disclosure requirements over a sale of promissory notes, and has been barred from, or warned against, selling unregistered securities in seven other states.

> 'I think newspapers are making a big mistake with all this negative stuff'

Nevertheless, he is proud of his company and wishes to promote it through the *Post*. "We think that getting an intelligent voice makes sense for Towers," he told *The New York Times*. "We think our company has made a contribution. We're worth knowing about." But in contrast to the fawning which *The Daily Mirror* had to lavish upon Robert Maxwell when he became its proprietor, the journalists on the *Post* (who have had their salaries cut by 20 per cent) have shown breathtaking frankness in reporting the shortcomings of their new boss. ("Shady? Yeah!" was the fearless headline over one *Post* story about Mr Hoffenberg this week.) But Mr Hoffenberg must also be commended for *his* frankness. When asked why he wants to own America's oldest newspaper, he does not pretend to even the smallest degree of high-mindedness. "You know why men or women buy newspapers?" he said at his first meeting with the *Post*'s journalists. "I gotta tell ya, if they tell you they do it for any other reason but glory, they're not telling you the truth."

Also, which is something of a relief in this city, Mr Hoffenberg does not appear to take journalists or journalism very seriously (though he has said he will be writing his own column in the *Post*). His first priority was to meet not the paper's editor, Lou Colasuonno, but its sales manager, to whom he not only announced that advertisement sales were the key to the paper's salvation but also proposed an extraordinary scheme under which advertisers would be allowed to pay for space not with money but with unsold goods — he mentioned dungarees as an example — which would then be sold off to remainder outlets. His vision for the future was: "This is a street company, we are street people, and we're making it into a street newspaper."

Asked by a reporter about his business reputation, Mr Hoffenberg had replied: "My reputation is terrible, but let's be honest. The *Post*'s isn't so great either. It seems to me we're a perfect marriage." With such unadorned frankness, Mr Hoffenberg appears to be an improvement on Robert Maxwell. But Mike McAlary, *Post* columnist, pinpointed one little problem shared by the two tycoons when he revealed that his first Hoffenberg pay cheque, although 20 per cent smaller than the previous month's, had bounced — no doubt due to a bank error.

There is another thing which Mr Hoffenberg has in common with some other newspaper and magazine owners: a weakness for happy news. "I think newspapers are making a big mistake with all this negative stuff," he told *The New York Times*. "I'd like to see a spurt of positiveness." (The smooth Mr Zuckerman, by contrast, does not talk like that, but says he wants to make the *New York Daily News* more "sassy" and model it on the British *Daily Mail*.)

But even if the *Post* under Mr Hoffenberg confines its coverage of New York to tales of heroism and saintliness, there is at least the war with Mr Zuckerman to look forward to. "F*** Zuckerman," Mr Hoffenberger told the *Post*'s journalists. "He's a blue-blood wannabe. I ain't aristocracy. I don't want to know from aristocracy. I'm a Brooklyn guy. I eat guys like Zuckerman for lunch."

Mr Zuckerman, who starts with a circulation of almost 800,000, nearly double the *Post*'s, has yet to make a public reply.

Ordinary people such as my late parents were cannon-fodder for Churchill, says John Charmley

Confessions of a revisionist

New York radio-show host and former "Guardian Angel" Curtis Sliwa seemed to have summed the thing up admirably when he commented to me: "Dem cats in Englan' dey chewin' yo' ass off!" Had he been wholly correct then I might have asked for one of his "angels", but not every cat was chewin'. Most of the reviewers acknowledged that my book, *Churchill: The End of Glory*, was scholarly — except for one poor soul who could not see how any book with an Anglophone bibliography of only 18 pages merited that epithet — some even went so far as to admire its prose style, which others found less pleasing. But you can't please everyone so you might as well please yourself (as my mother used to say). Some thought I was wrong, well, as I held the same view of their opinions, I could hardly complain about that!

There was an interesting divide between men who earned part of their living by writing history for a wide audience (Philip Ziegler, John Grigg, Andrew Roberts and Robert Rhodes James), who on the whole were not chewin', and some academic historians, (who trumpeted the years they had spent in archives), who seemed to have a whole cud to chew on. Where the former had spent much of their time informing the general public, some of the senior figures in academia had spent more of their time on their own parochial conference circuit stroking each other's egos.

With Alan Clark's article in *The Times* (January 2), an argument over our national history began, and it went far beyond the usual confines of academia, which seemed to displease one or two of the older archive-dwellers who imagined that having written the history of that period, they now owned it. Press comments ranged from the flattering and passed through the odd and the interesting, before reaching the lemon-sucking.

Among the odd were comments on my working-class background and my Oxford education and accent, but as they tended to appear in the high-minded *Independent*, which is totally dependent on the conventional wisdom of the politically-correct, they could be written off as the usual sour vintage to be had from that source. Its review was a wonderful demonstration of why the word "academic" has become a general euphemism for crabbed nit-picking, as the holder of a distinguished chair told me what book he would have written. I hope it does well! Other oddities also came from "pc" newspapers (I begin to see why some Conservatives become paranoid about parts of the press). The *Guardian* had one article about the book which did not mention it and another one from Churchill's official biographer claiming that most of what I was saying he had said, which invited, among others, the question of why no one had noticed it at the time.

More deserving of respect were the cries of outrage from men and women of my parents' generation. When this took the form of the comment "he would have thought differently if he'd lived through it," it rather missed the point of the book. The line, "what can he know about it, I was alive then, he wasn't," was plain asinine, it would put an end to writing about any history before this century. No one was disparaging the courage of the generation which made the sacrifices of the war. What was in question was the wisdom of Churchill — and thus a national myth.

Some fustian souls objected that the book was full of hindsight; those who read it might have wondered where the hindsight was. I started from the fact of 1945. What did it mean to say that "we" had "won"? If the war was fought to preserve Poland's independence, the balance of power in Europe or to destroy totalitarianism, it did not succeed. If it was meant to preserve our independence as a great power or, as Churchill said, to hold the empire, it also failed. It was no small thing not to have been conquered, but it was our intervention in central Europe in 1938-39 which made Hitler turn west before going back to his long-term objective, the Bolsheviks. We could have avoided defeat in other, less costly ways, and there were intelligent men such as Lloyd George and Lord Halifax who thought so at the time. Let us, after 50 years, think with our heads, not just our hearts. With respect to those who paid the price of Churchill's war, the time has come to ask some hard questions, and not least about the price paid for the American alliance: this is not anti-American, it is pro-British. History should be part of a nation's dialogue with itself: it belongs not just to the survivors and the professionals, but to people like my late parents — who throughout its course have usually been the cannon-fodder for men like Churchill.

The First Sea Lord in 1914 by David Wilson: to question Churchill's wisdom is to question a national myth

Mr Scargill once adjured his followers to "get up off your knees", it is time we did that in relation to Churchill. As the current debate shows, the reflected light from the halo has been blinding.

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Sex, lies and political gossip

A prime minister under 50, young at heart, and who enjoys women's company, cannot make friends without rumours

Simon Jenkins

This was surely a mistake. A mountain is "a natural upward projection of the earth's surface, higher and steeper than a hill and often having a rocky summit." No politician should confuse it with a molehill, "a small mound of earth thrown up by a burrowing insectivore mammal." Mountains are large and permanent features of the landscape. Molehills may infuriate the owners of suburban lawns, but most experts recommend treading them softly into the ground and waiting for summer. Gassing or explosive "merely seems to encourage the moles", and often upsets the children.

Prime ministers should not issue libel writs. They are undignified and should be unnecessary. If an allegation, whether personal or political, is false a prime minister's denial should be enough for all sensible people. If it is not enough and the law has to be prayed in aid, a prime minister's credibility is diminished.

I believe in Britain's libel laws. A person damaged by a published falsehood should have legal redress, as with trespass, fraud or assault. Nor should it make a difference — as it does in America — that a victim is a public figure. Public office should not strip citizens of their rights. John Major is entitled to seek redress in the matter of the *New Statesman*. I am not convinced by the magazine's belief that it was in the clear through using the "unsubstantiated" tag. There is case law aplenty that this is no defence to the spreading of defamatory material.

But really. Gossip is the Puck of politics, that "merry wanderer of the night", seeking dew drops and hanging pearls in every cowslip's ear. It attends on every person in the public eye and does so for the duration. It sends both thrills and chills down the spine. "I am afraid you should probably see this," says the aide, holding a circled story like a stinking fish, struggling to conceal his mirth behind a mask of deep concern. That is the rough with the smooth. Gossip is the pain which shows that reputation is still alive. Those who seek fame must accept to become gossip's subject rather than its *répétiteur*.

Unlike Puck, gossip cannot be summoned and dismissed at will. It is a nagging reminder of the glummer side of politics, of the eagerness to bring the mighty down, to kick them in the gutter. It is unavoidable. Hesiod, earliest pedlar of useful maxims, remarked that "no gossip ever dies entirely: it has a kind of divinity". If gossip-mongers wish to enhance their tales with the glamour of publication, robust politicians show amused contempt. They deny the lies and refuse to comment on uncomfortable truths. Either way they say with the Duke of Wellington, publish and be damned. If they are so sensitive as to permit gossip "to affect the conduct of my work", to use a contemporary phrase, they should resign.

I have an uneasy feeling that Mr Major's decision to sue the *New Statesman* was the more impetuous for his being abroad. It is one thing to have a contingency plan to "nail this lie once and for all", quite another to activate it. This was a matter for a careful consideration of pros and cons, not just among the hothouse plants of Mr Major's entourage and lawyers but among a more worldly circle of advisers. They would surely have counselled restraint, on the following grounds.

Item: a prime minister can do nothing without it being generally known. One still under 50 and with a spark of life to him will find his acquaintances the subject of scrutiny. He cannot come alive with a pretty woman at dinner, as Mr Major certainly does, without it being noticed. He cannot sing, dance, collapse, cry, make friends and enemies without it entering the common discourse of his circle. Mr Major is young at heart and considerably more dashing than his public image suggests. If one thing was ever a racing certainty it was that Mr Major would be gossiped about.

Item: some of this gossip might be true but innocuous, and if too innocuous then falsity would flourish. Truth and falsity would then join in a merry spiral, usually a mere susurration in the trees but sometimes a hurricane. Such gossip is no respecter of law or the press. It sweeps through every barrier. It does not need the media for its progress: human intercourse is enough. I was impressed that rumours about a recent French president were "known to every Frenchman" without a word in the press.

Item: the press is sometimes more decorous than it might appear. No paper was going to touch the *New Statesman* story last week if only because every Fleet Street lawyer warned that the mere mention was defamatory. In other words, the law was doing its job. Even the initial, flat denial from India would have been carried in a minor key and I believe the story would have died. The prime minister's denial did not need the support of a writ to make it credible. That nonsense is typical lawyer's terrorism. It was the writ that sent the story into the stratosphere.

Item: in the past, some libel writs from politicians have conveyed false messages. They have suggested vulnerability not strength. The tendency has sometimes been to issue writs not to stop the publication of a lie, but to stop an intrusive or embarrassing truth which advisers believe the press cannot substantiate. The walls of the courts of law have echoed to the perjuries of frightened politicians. A libel writ can be a last line of defence against catastrophe. Editors who think they have received such writs from expensive solicitors tend to react. "Oh dear, and I had thought the man was innocent." Against the risk of such misunderstanding, Mr Major's advisers would surely have warned him.

Item: a writ may stop a morsel of gossip from appearing in print, but it gives an almighty boost to its samizdat distribution. Mr Major may have hoped that the corridors and drawing rooms of London on Thursday would have been applauding his £4 billion Saudi arms deal. I fear they were not. An allegation that might have crossed the scanner of a cursory *New Statesman* reader was raging wild, with scant regard to the fact that the magazine had itself dismissed it. The gossips did not say "How outrageous!" They asked, "Could it conceivably be true?"

In one respect politicians are different: their actions have wider consequences than those of ordinary mortals. Mr Major has now put his private life into a potentially more vulnerable spotlight than before. He has given a spurious legitimacy to those in the tabloid press who may feel driven to try to prove him wrong. Having descended into this swamp, Mr Major will find it harder to rise back above it to legislate new constraints on the press.

All that has happened is that a magazine has repeated unsubstantiated Westminster gossip to get itself publicity. Given Mr Major's firm denial, wagging tongues were unlikely to be further loosened. But they will never be silenced. Because of the writ they have taken on a new life. Mr Major has mountains enough to climb not to go making another out of this molehill.

Courting ritual

AT 79, Lord Goodman is fighting fit, as Anthony Howard and viewers of BBC2's *Newsnight* programme discovered on Thursday. Having recovered from the angry exchange with Howard over John Major's decision to sue the *New Statesman*, the elder statesman of libel is preparing to shed a little more light on some of the famous cases that have littered his long career.

Goodman has just finished his memoirs, *Tell them I'm on my Way*, which will detail his role in advising Harold Wilson to issue three writs, including one against the BBC. Two of them involved allegations that he was having an affair with Marcia Falkender.

This contrasts with his comments on *Newsnight*, when he suggested the prime minister should forget the *New Statesman* article. It provoked some of the liveliest exchanges on the programme for years. "It was vigorous," chuckled Goodman. "I would willingly have a rematch."

Still working almost full-time, Goodman has not decided whether to discuss his role in the marriage break-up of the Prince and Princess of Wales. A friend and adviser to Prince Charles, he says: "There is no reason why I cannot make an addition to the text to take account of subsequent developments."

The book will cover his relationship with every prime minister from Macmillan to Major. "The only one I did not like was Mrs Thatcher. But I am not alone in that."

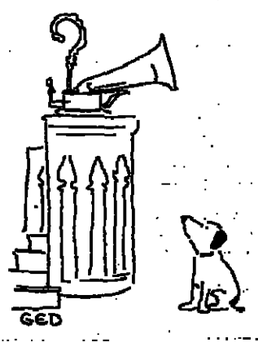
The first task of Chapmans, which is publishing the book, is to have the 200,000 words (cut from 350,000) read for libel. On Goodman's orders. "It would be a most wise idea," he says.

Lone voice

AN ESSEX church will tomorrow echo to the dulcet tones of Lord Runcie, although the former Archbishop of Canterbury will be many miles away. Runcie, however, works not in mysterious ways but in electronic ones.

Runcie, still on crutches with a broken heel after his stepladder collapsed while he was putting away his Christmas decorations, was due to dedicate two windows in St Mary the Virgin in Broxted to the British hostages John McCarthy, Terry Waite and Brian Keenan.

However, ordered not to put pressure on his heel, he has decided instead to send a tape recording of his address. Runcie says he chose not to go because "coping with a bishop on crutches would be quite awkward on such a big occasion." The recording, he says modestly, "will be the voice without the distraction of the presence".



DIARY

Charitable appeal

HE WAS the man she could do business with. But as Baroness Thatcher gets on with "advising" the tobacco giant Philip Morris, her friend Mikhail Gorbachev is to be president of a Bristol-based cancer charity, Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood (CLIC). He is coming to Britain in the spring to launch the charity's international arm.

It has taken Bob Woodward, CLIC's founder more than a year to secure Gorbachev's support. "I first met him last year when I went to Moscow on behalf of the Bristol Children's Hospital. The British Embassy gave me an introduction. I did not expect anything to come of it."

Woodward, who started the trust in 1976, two years after his son Robert was diagnosed with cancer, returned to Moscow earlier this month for another meeting, at which Gorbachev agreed to be president. He attributes the former Soviet leader's interest partly to Chernobyl: "It weighs very heavily on him."

Hot air on air

ON MONDAY, for the first time, cameras will broadcast live from the Foreign Affairs Council in Brussels, making reluctant film stars of the EC's foreign ministers.

Council spokesman Norbert Schwaiger is not prepared to predict which ministers will flourish under the television lights. But his reticence is not shared by Francis Maude, the former treasury and foreign office minister. Maude's few words of praise are, predictably perhaps, reserved for his former boss, Douglas Hurd. "Douglas talks in proper sentences. He argues very politely but with real intellectual vigour. I also remember Gianni di Michaelis, the former Italian foreign minister, as being very good value. He's a serious arm waver and it's dangerous being within a yard of him. Roland Dumas is lawyerly and donnish. No fireworks there I'm afraid. But I wouldn't recommend it. It could fairly be compared with watching paint dry."

● *Good news for literary Poles. An anthology of Scottish contemporary poetry is being compiled and translated into Polish by poet Piotr Sommer, hard at work in the halls of Glasgow university. "I haven't decided yet which poets will be included," he says. "Obviously, the ultimate factor is how well the verse goes into Polish, but Iain Crichton Smith and Douglas Dunn are two definites." On the borderline, though, is Hugh MacDiarmid, since he is causing Sommer some linguistic difficulties. "I won't be translating any of the stuff in Scots," says the academic calmly. "I can't speak it."*

Deafening report from mother

RECKONING time for Max Hastings, editor-in-chief of *The Daily Telegraph*. In March, Michael Joseph publishes *Sketches from a Life*, the autobiography of his mother, Lady Lancaster, more familiar perhaps as Anne Scott-James. Now 79, she was once woman's editor on *Picture Post* and the *Sunday Express* and editor of *Harper's Bazaar*, and tells the story as only a mother can.

Most intriguing is her recollection that, "at 15, watching a western on television, he got so excited that he whipped a revolver from his pocket and shot the set to smithereens". Hastings, however, has taken exception to this account. "It was not a revolver, it was an automatic pistol which my father owned; I was 11, not 15; it was Perry Mason, not a western; and the gun went off by mistake."

Hastings says his mother "has got it slightly wrong. But those who live by the pen should accept the consequences."

More worrying perhaps,

Trigger-happy: Hastings

Scott-James says she "has always been slightly afraid" of her "forward" first-born. There's an easy explanation for this, too, says Hastings. "I suppose she says this because when I was younger there were all sorts of scrapes. She never knew whether I would come home between two policemen or on a stretcher."

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THE TIMES

CAPE OF HOPE

De Klerk seems ready to hand over the reins of power

If hope deferred maketh the heart sick, South Africa has often during the past three years come perilously close to heart failure. Far from realising the great (possibly too great) expectations kindled by President de Klerk's decision in February 1990 to dismantle the barricades of the apartheid state and to negotiate with its enemies, South Africa's sophisticated economy has seemed destined to share Africa's fate: an unstoppable slide into political anarchy, civil war and economic collapse.

But hope about South Africa is a stubborn plant — not least because the country's implosion would reverberate far beyond its borders. So when Mr de Klerk rose yesterday to address the opening of Parliament, it was almost universally accepted that he was opening the last full session of Parliament in which black South Africa is not represented.

The path to this historic moment has not been easy. The all-party constitutional negotiations which were to usher in the brave new democratic South Africa broke up in mutual recriminations of cynicism and bad faith, to be followed in short order by "mass action" and massacre; the civil war between Inkatha warlords and the African National Congress plumbed new depths of frenzied barbarity, a cauldron vigorously stirred, it transpired, by semi-detached hit squads and government security agents prosecuting their own dirty war against the peace process.

In a country awash with guns and alight with feuds, civil order began to collapse in tandem with police morale. A relentless spate of corruption scandals proved that apartheid's bureaucrats shared the habits of Africa's other kleptocrats, assiduously lining their pockets in anticipation of the end of Empire. As the radicals on both the far right and the far left grew bolder, Mr de Klerk began to lose the support even of his more faithful adherents.

As important as the growth of a corrosive cynicism shared by white and black South Africans alike was the loss of interest by the world's investment community. The economy, shackled by violence and uncertainty, moved into a fourth year of recession. Indeed there were times last year when pessimism about South Africa's prospects seemed the better part of sense.

Driven by its own internal furies it seemed certain to implode. The best the rest of the world could hope for was that it would drop more or less quietly off the international map to surface again sometime in the future, somewhere in the Third World.

But now it seems to be accepted that power-sharing is inevitable. After the collapse of last year's negotiations, Mr de Klerk and the ANC's president, Nelson Mandela, found that they had peered into the abyss. They have since retreated back into negotiations and — if somewhat gingerly — into each other's arms.

The South African government, filled with hubris over its referendum victory, had tried to manipulate the ANC into permanent subservience in any future power-sharing constitution. It afterwards acquired a degree of much needed humility as it was compelled into concessions.

At the same time the ANC leadership — a phrase which had seemed almost a contradiction in terms — realised that its interests were not served by delays which fed only the forces of chaos. As Winnie Mandela began to appeal over the head of her husband to Soweto's radical and brutalised youth, as black guerrillas began to attack white farmers and as the khaki commandos promised reprisal and retribution, the ANC and the government began to realise that they would hang together or they would hang separately.

The resulting negotiations, which appear to have been conducted in a greater spirit of realism, humility and compromise than most would have thought possible, enabled Mr de Klerk to reveal yesterday that multi-party negotiations — the successor to last year's doomed Codesa — would probably resume at the beginning of March, that the Transitional Executive Council (effectively a transitional non-racial government) could be in place by June and that the transitional constitution — under which South Africa's first fully democratic elections will be held probably before April 1994 — would be completed by September this year.

Beyond that Mr de Klerk wisely did not go. If South Africa's "annus horribilis" had any virtue it lay in teaching all parties the perils of prescription. Instead, in a speech noteworthy not for high sentiments but sobriety, South Africa's last white leader contented himself with clearing up the detritus of the country's apartheid past.

This session will be devoted to dismantling the tricameral parliament, clearing out South Africa's legislative cupboards of all remnants of discriminatory laws, contracting the civil service — preparing it to serve one nation instead of apartheid's divided state — and promoting acceptance of a bill of rights. To frightened South Africans of all races he promised a crackdown on the violence and criminality that has the country on the rack. To white South Africans, however, he promised no more than to negotiate for "power sharing, a strong regional government, checks and balances, the sensible accommodation of our country's cultural and linguistic diversity".

Those words cloak the outline of the classic compromise which could yet save South Africa: the final abandonment of the white veto in return for entrenched individual rights and a strengthening of regional authorities and powers to the point where South Africa becomes a federation in deed if not in name. It is a compromise which both major parties to the negotiation appear prepared to make and which might be enough to soothe the ever sensitive Chief Buthelezi and his black (and white) supporters in Natal.

Beyond that is the acceptance by the ANC and the National Party that although they will assuredly fight each other tooth and nail in South Africa's first (and Africa, being Africa, possibly last) democratic election they will thereafter rule together in a power-sharing alliance well into the next century. As Mr de Klerk put it sombrely yesterday: "Every South African is facing a choice either to support constitutional change and everything reasonably required for its success, or to retire into the laager and prepare for an armed and bloody struggle."

The result of that choice is of interest not merely to South Africans themselves but to a world which cannot afford to see a sophisticated First World economy (even one so grossly distorted by apartheid) tumble into darkness. And it is of vital concern to sub-Saharan Africa for which a peaceful and thriving South Africa could eventually become the flywheel of its own economic regeneration. After three years of false dawns, there is at least a hope now that the best choice may finally be made.

HIGH CULTURE FOR THE PEOPLE

The success of Classic FM is splendid news

The official audience figures for Classic FM, Britain's first commercial classical music station, show that it has been more successful in winning listeners than its founders had dared hope. This is happy news for everyone who cares about serious music and about the standards of popular taste. Those who predicted financial doom on the assumption that classical music would never have a wide enough appeal to make such a station viable have been confounded. Equally groundless were the warnings that Mozart would soon give way to Mantovani: that Classic FM, in order to enlarge its catchment, would have to water down its content to the level of orchestral "muzak" and become scarcely more than an "easy listening" station.

For those who believe that exposure to high art — of which great music is one of the most approachable forms — can benefit everyone, the popularity of Classic FM must be immensely cheering. Even in small, easily digested doses, the enjoyment of fine music is a civilising pastime. If the presentation of it can be divested of the intimidating, class-bound aura with which it has tended to be surrounded in Britain, then a great many lives will be enriched. Those whose first acquaintance with opera came through Pavarotti's hit single of "Nessun Dorma", or who were intrigued by the favourite recordings of Inspector Morse, are being offered a friendly hand by this new broadcasting service, which makes a point of assuming no prior knowledge of music on the part of its audience. Its determination to be helpful to the uninitiated is one of its most striking features. As a result, it may be playing an unexpectedly important role in national life by providing a bridge to high culture for those who would otherwise be too daunted to approach.

There is not even cause for dismay at Radio 3, whose staff and supporters had been worried by the competition from a lighter, less taxing classical outlet. Most of Classic FM's listeners have not been poached from Radio 3, or even from Radio 2 whose audience was also thought to be fertile ground for a marauding new broadcaster. In fact it has been independent local radio stations, which always had the weakest hold on listeners, which have suffered most from the appearance of Classic FM. There is an important lesson in this for those partisans of Radio 3 who fought so ferociously to prevent the licensing of a private classical station.

Fears of a crass competitor which would force all classical programming down the route of blatant commercialism have proved baseless. Radio 3, in anticipation of the threat, forced some of its presenters to adopt a disconcertingly chatty new style, but there has been no need to compromise on the content of its programming. Far from being a threat to its survival, Classic FM is likely, in the long term, to bring a larger audience to Radio 3, as listeners graduate from the most accessible end of the repertoire and feel prepared to dive into the more arcane depths of what Radio 3 can offer.

Those who defended the monopoly of classical music broadcasting by Radio 3 argued that any infiltration by commercial interests would mean the death of standards. But in a country in which more people attend concerts than attend football matches (and in which the sale of classical recordings has risen dramatically) it could scarcely be acceptable to have only one radio station broadcasting classical music. Pluralism has added more choice and subtracted nothing. Instead of the barbarians sacking the temple, all that has happened is that far more people are hearing and appreciating the music which is rightfully part of their own cultural heritage. And this access to their birthright has been restored to them by a commercial enterprise.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Case against disestablishing the Church of England

From the Archbishop of York

Sir, Your leading article (January 28), tendentiously entitled "Break the chains", totally ignores what in my view are the main arguments against disestablishment of the Church of England.

First, such a development would rightly be seen as signifying that the nation was formally repudiating the Christian heritage and was no longer prepared to pay even lip service to those Christian beliefs and values on which so much of its history and the best of its life have been based.

Secondly, beyond the ranks of regular week-by-week Anglican churchgoers, there are millions who instinctively regard the Church of England as "our" church, and who seek its ministry not only for their weddings or funerals or baptisms but often at times of stress or trouble or thanksgiving in their lives. Conversely, at both national and parish level, the Church of England accepts as natural this responsibility of ministry to anyone who seeks it.

Thirdly, for the most part members of other Christian churches, and indeed of the other faiths now present in this country, are not in favour of disestablishment. On the contrary, to a degree which is not widely enough understood, their leaders often see the fact of establishment as enabling the Church of England to be in the vanguard of action with them or on their behalf on matters of common concern.

I have myself long argued in favour of, in your words, "reserving a number of seats in the Lords for church leaders from a broad range of denominations". Unfortunately, this suggestion faces practical difficulties arising from the internal workings of some churches — for example, that the leaders of the Free churches only serve for short terms of office.

Fourthly, it really will not do to cite the disestablishment of the Church in Wales as an example. Given the strength of Nonconformism in Wales, Anglicanism was never a carrier of national identity in the sense in which this has been true in England.

And fifthly, I was not as you suggest dropping "a subtle hint" about limits to tolerance "of royal antics". I refused in the television programme to which you refer to say anything about the present royal family, and answered a purely hypothetical question.

A sensible debate on disestablishment needs a firmer base than the one you have provided.

Yours faithfully,
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January 28.

From the Reverend G. R. Curry

Sir, Simon Jenkins (January 27) asserts that "the concept of a nation state imbued with religious ... significance is anachronistic". But the real question concerns the sort of society we want.

For over 1,000 years ours has been a Christian state. Since the Reformation and the Act of Settlement in 1688 this fact has found expression in the established status of the Church of England and the terms of the coronation oath.

Disestablishment, if present trends are anything to go by, would presage the emergence of a full-blown secular state.

The American dream of an "ideologically neutral state" (William Rees-Mogg, January 27) is proving to be a nightmare in which religious values are replaced by a new political "orthodoxy" that exalts reason, experience and personal preference above revelation.

This trend, long discernible on the other side of the Atlantic, is beginning to emerge here. Disestablishment would hasten it.

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr John Miles

Sir, A former Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey, in his remarkable book *Canterbury Pilgrim*, published in 1974, the year he retired, made it clear that establishment had never been one of his enthusiasms.

After pointing at the Church in Wales — "vigorous in life and far from lamenting its loss of state privileges" — he mentions his own Nonconformist ancestry on his father's side whose religious tradition had witnessed to Christ for three centuries "without the protection of privilege".

However, Michael Ramsey did recognise the value of the church-state link in the past, adding:

... it is difficult to dig up complex historical roots, and a programme of disestablishment in England would be an immense administrative operation, the outcome of which would be valuable only if the Church knew positively on what course it was moving.

I feel that if Ramsey's hopes for the Anglican-Methodist unity scheme in the early 1970s had been successful the Christian church would be in a stronger position, spiritually and morally, to influence the people of this country.

Perhaps the church should look into its own soul and rediscover the two great qualities that Ramsey always propounded, those of spirituality and humility.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MILES (Press officer, Lambeth Palace, 1970-82),
The Coach House,
44a West Common,
Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

From the Reverend D. J. Dales

Sir, What is at stake in the coronation of the Sovereign by the Church is the fundamental model of authority by which the character of this country is to be determined. Supreme authority in England has long been conditional upon solemn undertakings to safeguard freedom, maintain justice, and rule under law. Around this principle our constitutional democracy has developed.

The existence of a consecrated Sovereign at the heart of this state affirms the Christian belief that true authority, wherever it is to be exercised effectively, must always be personal and self-sacrificial, and morally accountable to God and to the people it serves. Such authority, if accepted, protects and fosters the genuine freedom of individuals in a community, whatever their belief or background.

The challenge today is to reaffirm and accept this model of authority in every walk of life, for without it this country will lose its way. The office of the Sovereign embodies therefore a profound but very practical ideal.

Yours sincerely,
DOUGLAS DALES
(Chaplain and Head of Religious Studies, Marlborough College),
Hillside, Bath Road,
Marlborough, Wiltshire.

From Father Alban McCoy

Sir, Matthew d'Ancona (Modern Times, January 27) suggests that Elizabeth I took to herself the title Defender of the Faith. It is not so: the title was given to her father, Henry VIII, by Pope Leo X on October 11, 1521, in recognition of his treatise *Assertio Septem Sacramentorum*, attacking Luther's teaching.

Yours faithfully,
ALBAN McCOY,
Allen Hall, 28 Beaufort Street, SW3.

From Mr Phil James

Sir, Matthew d'Ancona says that "A 1950s survey showed that many of the Queen's subjects believed she was descended from God".

Aren't we all?

Yours sincerely,
PHIL JAMES,
96 Beavers Lane, Bedfont,
Hounslow, Middlesex.

Threat to school media studies

From the Director of the British Film Institute and others

Sir, It is with surprise and concern that we learn of the government's proposals to remove all requirements for media education from the English curriculum (report, *The Times Educational Supplement*, January 29).

How can children be prepared for the cultural and political realities of the 21st century if their teachers do not help them to develop a critical understanding of the media?

The influence of the broadcasting, press, advertising and cinema industries, for both good and ill, is widely discussed in our society, but always in terms of regulation and control.

It is surely of equal importance for media audiences to have high expectations of these media and to be able to respond to them intelligently. A responsible society would seek ways of ensuring this through education; and indeed many other countries are already doing so.

In 1987 the Secretary of State for Education asked for media education to be included in the English curriculum and thousands of teachers throughout England and Wales have started to comply with this requirement. They are now to be faced with an about-turn.

It is quite extraordinary that any modern government in a developed country should take such a step, and we sincerely hope that Mr Patten will think again.

Yours faithfully,
WILF STEVENSON, Director,
British Film Institute,
JOHN AKOMFRAH,
ANDY ALLAN,
MICHAEL BUNCE,
BRYAN FORBES,
DENIS FORMAN,
TERRY GILLIAM,
ROMAINE HART,
DEREK JARMAN,
MIKE LEIGH,
LYNDA MYLES,
KEN RUSSELL,
MICHAEL WINNER,
21 Stephen Street, W1.
January 29.

Who's first?

From the Venerable Richard Bird

Sir, I am the father of two daughters and one son, born in that order and all now adults. I must be one of many with a *Who's Who* entry whose first-born is a daughter and not a son. However, I am told by *Who's Who*: "It is our standard editorial practice to list sons first, then daughters, regardless of age."

This seems unreasonable and quite contrary to the spirit of our age. I look for comment from fellow readers of *The Times*. Should I ask for my whole entry to be removed, or should I ask for any reference to marriage and children to be removed? Is this yet another plot to put women down or is this simply not an issue with *Who's Who*?

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BIRD,
7 Hoadly Road, Streatham, SW16.
January 21.

Links with league

From Mr R. J. M. Tolhurst

Sir, As to the question of Germany and Japan becoming permanent members of the UN Security Council (report, later editions, January 26), it should be recalled that Japan, as an allied state during the first world war, was a permanent member of the League of Nations security council from the establishment of the league in 1920, while Germany became a permanent member on its admission to the league in 1926.

Both the permanent and non-permanent members of the league's security council could veto resolutions.

Japan gave notice of its resignation from the league in 1933, as did Germany later that year.

Yours faithfully,
R. J. M. TOLHURST,
Flat 52, The Vineyards,
Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex.
January 26.

Taxing the mind

From Mr Michael Tempest

Sir, Within the five pages of East Hampshire district council's brochure detailing council tax benefit arrangements there is a section concerning students. A student's position is apparently dependent, amongst other things, on whether the student lives alone, with a partner, or with a "non-partner"; on whether the partner or non-partner (if any) is a student or not; on whether the student or partner or non-partner has children; on whether the student is responsible for those children; and on who makes the benefit claim.

This is typical of the convoluted mechanisms inevitable with a tax based on an amalgam of property and people. Those who still believe the council tax will be workable should think again.

Yours faithfully,
M. R. TEMPEST,
2 Tanyard Cottages,
Sheet, Petersfield, Hampshire.
January 20.

Debt to Egypt

From Dr I. E. S. Edwards, FBA

Sir, I have every sympathy with Mr Anthony Hore's wish (letter, January 23) to see as many as possible of the Egyptian monuments restored to their provenance.

There is, however, a particular appropriateness, which may not be generally known, in the obelisk remaining at Kingston Lacy, inasmuch as the hieroglyphic inscriptions on the obelisk and its pedestals were of vital importance in the contribution made by W. J. Bankes and Thomas Young to the preliminary stages of Champollion's final decipherment of the Egyptian hieroglyphic script.

Yours faithfully,
EIDDON EDWARDS,
Dragon House, Bull Ring,
Deddington, Oxfordshire.
January 23.

Occupational hazard?

From Mr A. R. Hawkes

Sir, The charming letter (January 16) of the Reverend C. Kevill-Davies regarding relief for country clergy obliged to rush from parish to parish on Sunday mornings prompts me to raise a question that has long troubled me.

A rubric to the Communion service requires the priest to consume all consecrated wine remaining. What should be the response of the motoring cleric, after celebrating some three or four communions, when confronted with a traffic policeman?

Yours faithfully,
A. R. HAWKES,
Birchwood,
Sutherland Road, Longsdon,
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.
January 18.

Fruitful business

From the Managing Director of Racal Avionics Ltd.

Sir, On January 22 your leading article criticised the prime minister's trip to India and the Gulf, suggesting that his time would be better spent at home dealing with economic problems.

This morning, we learn of his crucial involvement in massive deals in Oman and Saudi Arabia, bringing much relief to our defence industry (report, January 29).

Would a retraction be in order?

Yours etc,
R. F. KEENS, Managing Director,
Racal Avionics Ltd.,
88 Bushey Road,
Raynes Park, SW20.
January 29.

Sunday shops vote

From Mr David Blackmore

Sir, The House of Commons gave an unequivocal answer to the appeal by the chairmen of Boots and other companies over the Sunday trading issue (letter, January 22). The decisive 214-41 vote for the second reading of the all-party Shops (Amendment) Bill (report, January 23), which would allow limited opening only for small shops selling certain goods, shows Parliament is increasingly inclined towards sensible reform which retains the specialness of Sunday.

Given the strength of this cross-party vote and despite the indecisive performances from the two front benches, the government should now do all it can to ensure an early committee stage and constructive discussion leading to a new law well before Christmas. The home secretary ought to realise there is no room for ideology, and accept that the will of Parliament must prevail.

Meanwhile the attorney-general and local authorities must ensure that the law is enforced in the light of the decisions of the European Court and the House of Lords enabling local authorities to enforce the law without fear of financial penalties (reports, June 26, December 15, 1992). Until the Bill has proceeded through Parliament, it remains the duty of all retailers to uphold the rule of law.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BLACKMORE
(Operations Director,
Keep Sunday Special Campaign, 1987-92),
Upland House, West Bergholt, Essex.

From Mr H. W. Osmond

Sir, The chairmen of Boots and other companies call Ray Powell's all-party proposals for the reforming of the 1950 Shops Act "a private member's Bill to restrict Sunday shopping".

In fact, his Bill aims to liberalise the present flouted Act, while preserving the interests of workers and small shopkeepers. What it restricts is the law-breaking indulged in by several of the signatories' companies.

Yours faithfully,
HUMPHREY OSMOND,
12 Queens Court, Queens Road,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
January 22.

From Mr A. M. Airey

Sir, The chairmen of Boots and other companies seem very certain that people no longer want restrictions on Sunday opening. My own feelings and those of every member of my staff of about 20 are that we would like to have one day in the week when we can be with our families to pursue whatever activities we like with them, be they religious or recreational. Certainly my company's shops will never open on a Sunday.

However, it is touching to read that the signatories' concern is for the shopworkers and the consumers and that a desire to make extra profit has nothing to do with their support for unrestricted Sunday trading.

Yours faithfully,
A. M. AIREY
(Chairman and Managing Director),
Airey & Wheeler Ltd.,
44 Piccadilly, W1.
January 26.

Elgar's birthplace

From Mr and Mrs Paul Hunt

Sir, Living within a few miles of Elgar's birthplace (article and leading article, January 25), we are certainly not "shocked by its cramped conditions and general dereliction" nor do we find its appearance "innocuous and anonymous". We welcome its wonderfully rural setting and the quiet, reflective ambience of the whole place.

Retaining the simplicity of its age and purpose and evoking the atmosphere of Elgar's love of the countryside, it has, like the Malverns themselves, a timeless quality.

A visitors' centre of the magnitude planned, with lecture theatre and apparently obligatory tourist facilities, could only spoil this.

Can we not follow the example set at Jane Austen's birthplace in Hampshire and resist the temptation to pander to the needs of tourists? Have Elgar's descendants been consulted about this scheme to turn a marvellous simplicity into something grandiose?

Yours faithfully,
PAUL HUNT,
WYNNELL HUNT,
Madingley, King's Orchard,
Cradley, Malvern, Worcestershire.
January 26.

From Miss Diana McVeagh

Sir, Would it be simpler to send Elgar's autographs to the British Library or the Bodleian on permanent loan? Then they would be safe and accessible, and the cottage at Broadheath would retain the modesty and peace that Elgar so valued.

Yours faithfully,
DIANA McVEAGH,
Ladygrove, The Lee,
Nr Great Missenden,
Buckinghamshire.
January 26.

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COURT CIRCULAR

ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 29: The Prince of Wales was represented by Mr Hugh Merrill at the Funeral of Mr James Barr which was held in St Mary's Church, Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 29: The Duke of Gloucester, President, St Bartholomew's Hospital, this morning visited St Bartholomew's Hospital at Homerton, Homerton Row, and subsequently visited Well Street Surgery, 52B Well Street, London E9.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
January 29: Princess Alexandra, President, this morning visited the Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, Richmond, Surrey.

Appointments

Mr William Stansfield and *Mr Ian Diamond* to be joint district judges; Mr Stansfield for the districts of the Oldham, Tameside and Stockport County Courts and in the District Registry of the High Court at Oldham and Stockport; and Mr Diamond for the districts of the Medway, Sittingbourne, Gravesend and Dartford County Courts and in the District Registry of the High Court at Medway.

Mr Emyr Jenkins to be director of the Welsh Arts Council, in succession to Mr Tom Owen who retires in April. Mr Jenkins has been director of the Royal National *Eisteddfod* since 1978.

Mr Dennis Silk to be a Trustee of the Imperial War Museum in succession to Sir Brian Young.

Mr Jon Wenzel, formerly curator of the Cabinet War Rooms, to be Director of HMS *Belfast*.

He succeeds Captain F.A. Collins, RN.

The following to be Deputy Lieutenants for the County of Lincoln: Colonel D.K. Harris, Mrs J. Parkes, Mr P.W.R. Pumfrey, Mr S.J.E. Turner, Baroness Willoughby de Eresby.

Tomorrow's royal engagement

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the Australian Music Foundation in London, will attend the Australia Day gala concert at the Royal Opera House at 6.55.

Luncheon

Institute of Marine Engineers
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Sheriff Roger Cork, was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Institute of Marine Engineers held yesterday at 76 Mark Lane. Rear-Admiral M.A. Vallis, president, was the host. Among those present were:
The Chief Naval Engineer, Ministry of Defence, the President of the Society for Underwater Technology, the Deputy Master of Trinity House, the Master of the Master Mariners' Company, the Prime Warden of the Shipwrights' Company, the Master of the Engineers' Company, the President of the Society of Consulting Marine Engineers and Ship Surveyors, the Chief Executive of the North Sea Safety, Health and Safety Executive, the Chief Surveyor and Deputy General Manager of the Salvage Association, the President of the British Marine Equipment Council, the Surveyor General, Marine Directorate, Department of Transport and the Chairman of the Engineering Services Standing Committee.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.C.W. Beard and Miss L.A. Kingsbury
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Roland Beard, of Selsdon, Surrey, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Kingsbury, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr C. Hickey and Miss D.M.S. Edwards
The engagement is announced between Colm, son of Dr James and Dr Evelyn Hickey, of Blackheath, London, and Deirdra, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Edwards, of East Grinstead, Sussex.

Mr W.P. Howard and Mrs V. Stirling
The engagement is announced between Mr Wilfred Howard and Mrs Valerie Stirling, both of Buxton, Derbyshire.

Mr S. Khazal Amery and Miss F. Ebrahimi
The engagement is announced between Saladin, son of Sheikh and Sheikha Nezam Khazal Kabi al Amery, of London, and Francesca, daughter of Mr Cyrus Ebrahimi, of Tehran, Iran, and Mrs H. Stager, of Bodega Bay, California.

Mr H.G.H. Mathias and Mrs S.M. Breed
The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of the late Dr J. Gordon Mathias and the late Mrs Eryl Mathias, of Aberdyfi, Gwynedd, and Sheila, younger daughter of the late Mr J.D. Jones and of Mrs Elizabeth Jones, of Oswestry.

Mr J.R. Osborne and Miss S.L. Vause
The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Colonel Robert Osborne, of London, N5, and Mrs Sybil Osborne, of Bishops Waltham, Hampshire, and Sarah Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Vause, of Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire.

Mr C.C. Soracchi and Miss E.A. Cope
The engagement is announced between Carlo, son of Mr and Mrs Enrico Soracchi, of Finchley, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Cope, of Whetstone.

Mr L.P. Talks and Miss C.L. Bird
The engagement is announced between Lawrence Peter, son of Mr and Mrs D.H. Talks, of Norwich, and Clare Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R.J. Bird, of Stockport.

Mr A.J. Watson and Miss N.S. Poushkine
The engagement is announced between Alistair, son of Squadron Leader and Mrs Alfred Watson, of Forres, Morayshire, and Natasha, daughter of Mr Michael Poushkine, of Dorset, and Mrs David Relf, of St James's, London.

Mr K.K. Weightman and Miss D.D. Martine
The engagement is announced between Keith, elder son of Mr B.M. and Mrs J.J. Weightman, of Chelmsford, Essex, and Denise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.M. Martine, of London.

Mr G.V. Wright and Miss T.X. Samios
The engagement is announced between Graeme, youngest son of Rose and Dave Wright, of Windy Harbour, Australia, and Tina, youngest daughter of George and Vetti Samios, of Kythira, Greece.

Honorary OBE

Professor Francesco Berlingieri, a maritime lawyer, has been appointed an honorary officer of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of his services to English maritime legal interests.

PETER TREVNOR

Easy living: staff at Bonhams show off some of the items by 140 British designers and artists in the "Decorative Arts Today" exhibition which has opened at its Knightsbridge branch. The maple rocking chairs with lacquer finish, by Cato Furniture, cost £1,000 each

Dinners

Lord Byron
Lord Byron, President of the Byron Society, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the House of Lords. Lord Blake, Mr John Watts, Mr Martin Davies and the Earl of Lytton, President of the Newstead Abbey Byron Society, also spoke.

Architects and Surveyors Institute
Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP, an Honorary Fellow of the Architects and Surveyors Institute, entertained at dinner last night at the House of Commons members of the London region of the institute and their guests, the National Asthma Campaign. Mr S.G Young, regional chairman, presided. Sir Norman Fowler, MP, Dr Peter Burney and Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, KG, CH, President of the National Asthma Campaign, also spoke. The Lord Mayor of Westminster was present.

Danish art bought

The National Gallery has acquired two important 19th century Danish paintings for a total of £227,360.

A view of the forum in Rome by Christoffer Wilhelm Eckersberg (1783-1853) and a portrait by his best-known pupil Christen Kobke (1810-1848) will go on show on February 5. The gallery said the Eckersberg provided the collection with its first example of the achievements of the international community of artists active in Rome in the early 19th century.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: George Villiers, 2nd Duke of Buckingham, statesman, Westminster, 1628; Walter Savage Landor, writer, Warwick, 1775; Francis Herbert Bradley, philosopher, London, 1846; Sir Seymour Hicks, actor-manager, St Helier, Jersey, 1871; Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd American President 1933-45, New York, 1882.

DEATHS: Georges de La Tour, painter, Lunéville, 1652; King Charles I, reigned 1625-49, executed Whitehall, London, 1649; Charles Bradlaugh, politician and free-thinker, London, 1891; Orville Wright, pioneer aviator, Dayton, Ohio, 1945; Mahatma Gandhi, Indian political and religious leader, assassinated New Delhi, 1948; Francois Poulenc, composer, Paris, 1963.

Adolf Hitler formed a Nazi government in Germany, 1933.

The state funeral of Winston Churchill took place, London, 1965.

The American Embassy in Saigon was captured by the Vietcong, 1968.

Troops killed 13 people during riots in Londonderry in what became "*Bloody Sunday*", 1972.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: André Garnerin, pioneer balloonist, Paris, 1769; Bernard Barton, poet, Carlisle, 1784; Franz Schubert, composer, Vienna, 1797; Zane Grey, writer of western novels, Zanesville, Ohio, 1872; Irving Langmuir, physicist, New York, 1881; Anna Pavlova, prima ballerina, Leningrad, 1882; Tallulah Bankhead, actress, Huntsville, Alabama, 1903; Mario Lanza, tenor and film actor, New York, 1921.

DEATHS: Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie), Rome, 1788; Friedrich Rückert, poet, Neuses, near Coburg, 1866; Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Baptist minister, Menton, France, 1892; John Galsworthy, novelist and dramatist, Nobel laureate 1932, London, 1933; Jean Giraudoux, dramatist, Paris, 1944; Sir Charles Cochran, impresario, London, 1951; A.A. Milne, children's writer and dramatist, Hartfield, Sussex, 1956; Samuel Goldwyn, film producer, Los Angeles, 1974; Winifred Atwell, pianist, Sydney, New South Wales, 1983.

The execution of Guy Fawkes and his fellow conspirators of the Gunpowder Plot, 1606.

307 people died when the Thames broke its banks flooding large areas of Kent and Essex, 1953.

The wearing of front seatbelts in cars was made compulsory, 1983.

Latest wills

The Very Rev John Herbert Severn Wild, of Rapps, Ilminster, Somerset, Dean of Durham 1951-73, and Master of University College, Oxford, 1945-51, left estate valued at £156,071 net.

He left the Advowson and Right of *Patronage of Presentation to the Rectory* and Parish Church of Herstmonceux in the Diocese of Chichester to the Lord Bishop of Chichester.

Memorial service

Mrs Monica Dickens Stratton
The High Sheriff of Berkshire attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Monica Dickens Stratton held yesterday at St Mary Abbots, Kensington. The Rev Ian L. Robson officiated and Lord Orr-Ewing read the lesson.

Mrs Audrey Dickens read from *An Open Book* by Monica Dickens, Mr Johnny Morris read from *The Song of Hiawatha* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Mr Bob Swift, son-in-law, read from *If I should die* by A. Price Hughes, Mrs Valerie Grove read from *Thursday Afternoons* by Monica Dickens, Miss Diana Calvert read *My Creed* by Howard Arnold Walter and Mr Bernard Taylor read from *The Ship* by Bishop Brent.

Mrs Clare Alexander, publishing director, Viking, Baroness James of Holland Park, Prebendary Dr Chad Varah, Founder of the Samaritans, and Mrs Sarah Hollis gave addresses. Among others present were:

Mrs Robert Swift and Miss Prudence Stratton (daughters), Stephen and James Swift (grandsons), Mrs Pam Hutchinson (granddaughter), Mrs Doris Danby (sister), Mr Roy Stratton (stepson), Mr and Mrs Nicholas Danby, Mr Philip Danby, Mr and Mrs Hal Danby, Mr John Danby, Mr Oliver Danby, Mr and Mrs Brian Calvert, Mr and Mrs Christopher Dickens, Mr Rowland Dickens, Miss Kate Dickens, Lady Orr-Ewing, the Hon Robert and Mrs Orr-Ewing, the Hon Simon Orr-Ewing, Mr and Mrs David Dickens, Mr Gerald Dickens, Mr and Mrs Cedric Dickens, Mr Henry Hawksley, Mrs M Lloyd, Tom and Poppy Lloyd, *Mrs Mary Dickens*, Mrs Debbie Dickens, Miss Gemma Calvert, Mr Harry Calvert, Mrs Liz Stickles, Mr Paul Danby, the Hon Lady Runge, Mrs E W Runge, Mr and Mrs Ian Dickens, Mr Mark Dickens, Mr and Mrs Michael Calvert.

Baroness Brigstocke, Dr Richard Gordon, Mr and Mrs Douglas Saint, Mr and Mrs Charles Pick, Mr John Bowen, Mrs Claire Tomalin, Mr Bernard Taylor, Mr Simon Armson (chief executive, The Samaritans), Mrs Elisabeth Salisbury (*The Samaritans Magazine*), Mrs Vanda Scott (Befrienders International), Mr Edward Preston (Dickens Fellowship), Mr Mark Le Fanu (Society of Authors).

Mr and Mrs Michael Carroll (Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children), Miss Vera Wooten (Ronald Macdonald House, Guy's Hospital), Mrs Jan Howard (Dunedin Bupa Hospital), Miss Janet Gough (acting high mistress, St Paul's Girls' School) with Blanche Girouard (headgirl), Mrs D M Bradley (St Paul's League), *Mr Peter Grosvenor* (*Daily Express*), Miss Victoria Hinton (*Country Homes and Interiors*), Miss Veronica Pratt and Mrs L Fletcher (*Reader's Digest*), Mr Tim Prideaux (W H Smith), Mr Tony Lacey (Penguin Books), Mr Frank Levinson and Mrs Levinson (Old Norlanders Association) and Miss Vicki Simmons (Moores Rowland).

Church news

Clergy appointments
The Rev Christopher Atkinson, Priest-in-charge, The Hundred River group of parishes: to be Rector, The Hundred River benefice, comprising Sotterley w Willingham, Shadingfield, Ellough w Weston, Westhall and Brampton w Stoven (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Alan Backhouse, Vicar, New Ferry St Mark (Chester): to be Vicar, Knypersley, St John the Evangelist (Lichfield).

The Rev Roger Bellamy, Vicar, St Hilda's, Shiregreen: to be *also* Rural Dean of Ecclesfield (Sheffield).

The Rev David Bickersteth, Rector, Gosforth w Nether Wasdale and Wasdale Heath: to be Priest-in-charge, St Elizabeth, Harraby, Carlisle (Carlisle).

The Rev Peter Craig-Wild, Vicar, St John's Chapeltown: to be *also* Rural Dean of Tankersley (Sheffield).

The Rev Stuart Casson, Vicar, Holme Eden and Rural Dean of Brampton: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Carlisle (Carlisle).

The Rev Brian Bunt, Priest-in-charge, Truro, St John: to be Priest-in-charge, Penzance, St John (Truro).

Weekend birthdays

The Queen of The Netherlands celebrates her birthday tomorrow.

TODAY: Sir Herbert Ashworth, former chairman, Nationwide Building Society, 83; Lord Bernstein, 94; Mr Jack Bowman, chief constable, Tayside, 62; Sir Fred Catherwood, MEP, 68; Sir John Clerk of Penicuik, former Lord Lieutenant of Midlothian, 76; Mr *Phil* Collins, rock musician and actor, 42; Miss Christina Foyle, book seller, 82; Mr Nick Gaselee, racehorse trainer, 54; Mr Justice Gatehouse, 69; Mr Patrick Heron, painter, 73; Mr Christopher Howes, Crown Estate Commissioner, 51; the Earl of Huntingdon, 45; Viscount Long, 64; Lord Lowry, 74; Sir Foley Newns, former colonial administrator, 84; Professor A.G. Ogston, former president, Trinity College, Oxford, 82; Mr Louis Osman, architect, artist and goldsmith, 79; Mr Hal Prince, theatrical director and producer, 65; Mr John Profumo, president, Toynbee Hall, 78; Miss Vanessa Redgrave, actress, 56; Lord Westwood, 49.

TOMORROW: Professor Sir Eric Ash, rector, Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, 65; Baroness Berkeley, 84; Mrs Prunella Briance, founder, National Childbirth Trust, 67; Lieutenant Commander Sir Richard Buckley, former royal equerry, 65; Professor Violet Cane, statistician, 77; Mr Christopher Chataway, chairman, Civil Aviation Authority, former MP and athlete, 62; Mr Robert Clatworthy, sculptor, 65; Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox, diplomat, 62; Mr Miron Grindea, editor, *ADAM International Review*, 84; Air Marshal Sir Christopher Hartley, 80; Air Commodore Lord Harvey of Prestbury, 87; Professor Brenda Hoggett, QC, 48; Air Marshal Sir John Kemball, 54; Mr Norman Mailer, author, 70; Miss Rosanne Musgrave, headmistress, Blackheath High School, 41; Miss Jean Simmons, actress, 64; the Rev Lord Soper, 90; Brigadier Sir Alexander Stanier, 94; Dame Freya Stark, traveller and writer, 100; Sir Michael Wilford, diplomat, 71.

University news

Reading
Appointments
Professor David Ledward to be Dalgety Professor of Food Science.
Mr Antony Downes to be Professor of Law.

Kingston
The following received honorary doctorates in engineering at a degree ceremony yesterday: Mr John W.R. Taylor, second world war aircraft engineer and journalist; Mr James Armstrong, civil engineer.

Church services tomorrow

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 11 Choral Euch, Darke in E, We wait for thy loving kindness (McKie), Panis angelicus (Franck), Rev B Esparon; 4 Choral E.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch (Our Lady Undercroft); 9.30 M; 11 Sung Euch, Byrd Mass for five voices, O magnum mysterium (Victoria), The Archdeacon; 3.15 E, Responses (Tomkins), Darke in F, Bring us, O Lord God (Harris); 6.30 Sermon & Compline, The Dean.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion, Canon Barry Thompson; 11.15, So come to him (Elliott), Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Agnus Dei, Canon Peter Southwell Sander; 6 Choral E, Responses (Byrd), And I saw a new heaven (Bainton), The Vice Provost.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany (St Erasmus Chapel); 8 HC; 10 Choral M, Te Deum (Noble in B minor), Jubilate, Canon Michael Rees and Melanesian Brothers; 11.30 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis (Walton), From the rising of the sun (Ouseley), Amen (Naylor); 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Smith of Durham), Rubbra in A flat, And I saw a new heaven (Bainton), Amen (Gibbons), Organ: Prelude & Fugue in E flat (Bach); 6.30 ES, Canon Michael Rees and Melanesian Brothers.

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP (Gethsemane Chapel); 8 Communion (Lady Chapel); 10.30 Cathedral Euch, Missa Brevis (Britten), When to the temple (Eccard), Rev Canon Michael Sadgrove; 5.30 E & Procession, God be in my head (Rutter), Responses (Reading), Aston in F, When to the temple (Eccard).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 M, Stanford in C, Ubi caritas et amor (Duruflé), Canon Hodgson; 11.30 HC, Jackson in G, Communion Desseins éternels (Messiaen), The Precentor; 2 Service for World Leprosy Day, The Bishop; 3.30 E, The Second Service (Gibbons), See, see, the word is incarnate (Gibbons), Organ: Prelude & Fugue in D (Buxtehude).

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Jubilate (Howells), Set me as a seal (Walton), Organ: Alleluyas (Preston), Rev Dr M Wadsworth; 3.45 E, Preces (Rose), Ireland in F, Exultate Deo (Howells), Organ: Rhapsody in C sharp minor (Howells).

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45; 10.30 Sung Euch, Organ: Prelude in G (Stanford), How in D, Stanford in C, Maker and Redeemer (Warlock), Organ: Finale in D (Vierne), The Chancellor; 4 Choral E, Come, let's rejoice (Amner), Organ: Canzona (Karg-Elert), Responses (Aylewaard), Lord's Prayer (Farmer), Wood in E flat, And I saw a new heaven (Bainton), Closing Responses (Knight), Organ: Postlude in A (Karg-Elert).

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Schubert in G, Jubilate (Walton), Ave verum (Mozart), Rev Preb Roger Bould, Bishop of Wolverhampton's Assistant; 3.30 E, Responses (Rose), Dyson in D, Like as the hart (Howells).

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Leighton in D, Tantum ergo (Duruflé), Canon John Atherton; 6.30 E, Dyson in F, O come, ye servants (Tye), Rev Bill Wilson.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 M; 10.30 Sung Euch, Kent Service (Ferguson); 3.15 E; 6.30 Candlemas Euch & Procession, Rev Simon Griffiths.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Missa Laudate Dominum (Lassus), Surely thou hast tasted (Rose), Teach me, O Lord (Byrd), Canon Roy White; 3 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), Blessed city (Bairstow), Rev Garry Swinton.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Sung Euch, Schubert in B flat, Rev P G Cobb; 11.30 M, Stanford in A, O thou the central orb (Wood); 3 E, The Chichester Service (Walton), O where shall wisdom be found? (Boyce), Rev S R Cutt.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 10 M, Rev Dr Donald Gray; 11 M (St Margaret's Church), Rev Jonathan Goodall; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Rev Colin Semper; 3 E, Rev Dr H J M Turner; 5.45 Organ recital; 6.30 ES, Rev Paul Ferguson.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7; 10.30 SM, Mass in G major (Poulenc), Ave virgo sanctissima (Guerrero), Toccata, Adagio & Fugue (Bach); 10 MP; 2.30 Organ recital; 3.30 Solemn V & B, Magnificat primi toni (Victoria), Alleluia, I heard a voice (Weelkes), Praeludium in E (Lübeck).

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch, Jackson in G, Rev Leon Carberry; 11.30 M, Responses (Rose), Sumsion in G; 4 E, Dyson in D, Ascribe unto the Lord (Travers), Rev Jean Mayland.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6pm LM (Sat); 11.30 HM, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Subdue us by Thy goodness (Bach), Fr Anthony Barratt.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Naylor), Te Deum and Benedictus (Gibbons Short Service), Canon Michael Saward; 11.30 HC, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Omnes de Saba (Handl); 3.15 E, Stanford in A, Praise our Lord (Byrd), Organ: Praeambulum in E (Lübeck), Rt Rev Richard Charters, Bishop of Stepney.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Choral Euch, Spatzen Mass (Mozart), When to the temple (Eccard), The Bishop; 6.30 Choral E, The Salisbury Service (Shephard), Save us O Lord (Bairstow), The Provost.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Messe Solennelle (Vierne), Blessed City (Bairstow), The Vicar; 6 E & B, Stainer in B flat, They that go down to the sea in ships (Sumsion), Rev P McGeary.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11, Choir: This is the truth, Rev John Cook; 6.30, Dr Alister McGrath.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev J Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa Iste confessor (Palestrina), Ave Maria (Stravinsky), Tantum ergo in C (Bruckner).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 MP, Rev M Field, Panis Angelicus; 12 HC; 6 Rev P Elvy.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11 & 6.30 Rev Stanley Hood.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15 Fr Anthony Meredith, 4.15; 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Messe Modale (Alain), Magna Res Et Amor (Andriessen), Jubilate Deo (Cipriano de Rore).

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Mr Jeremy Jennings; 11 Informal Service (Creche & Children's Service), Rev Nicholas Gumbel; 6.30 Informal Service, Mr Kenneth Costa.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Ecce Ego Johannes (Palestrina), In ecclesiis (Gabrieli), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Cantate Domino (Hassler).

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev Dr Gordon E Barritt.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 President of Methodist Conference, Rev Kathleen Richardson; 6.30 Rev Dr R John Tudor. 6.30 Dr R John Tudor.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev R T Englund; 7 Epiphany and Candlemas Carols and Readings.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, Te Deum (Hunt in C), The Rector; 6.30 E, Hunt in C, If ye love me (Tallis), The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: Jubilate (Ireland in F), Mass in G minor (Vaughan Williams), Beata quorum via (Stanford), Organ: Toccata (Boellmann), Canon John Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Radcliffe), Walmisley in D minor, Omnes de Saba (Lassus), Reges Tharsis (Sheppard), Organ: Prelude in C minor (Bach).

ST CLEMENT DANES: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Byrd five part, Verily, verily I say unto you (Tallis), Rev A T R Goode.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 HC, Rev John H McIndoe; 3 HC, Rev John H McIndoe; 6.30 Rev W Alexander Cairns.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Missa Quarti toni (Victoria), Senex puerum (Victoria).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Mass in D (Williams), Great and marvellous are Thy works (Tomkins), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC, 10.30 Sung Euch, Mass in G (Schubert), Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling (Berlioz), Rev Graham Buckle; 6 Choral E, Noble in B minor, Blessed City (Bairstow), Rev Barrie Newton.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 & 10.30 HC, Missa Ego Petrie (Lobo), Videstes Stellam (Poulenc), Les Mages (Messiaen), Rev S Watson; 6.30 E, Locus iste (Bruckner), Rev N Vigers.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 Sung Euch, Stanford in B flat, Ave Maria (Arcadelt), Rev Tom Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Choral M, Responses (Byrd), Short Service (Byrd), Sing joyfully (Byrd), Rev Jonathan Goodall; 12.15 HC.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, Saint Martin's Service (Stringer), And I saw a new heaven (Bainton), Jesu! the very thought is sweet (Vittoria), God be in my head (Rutter), Organ: Sonata I (Bach), Rev John Pridmore; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, If ye love me (Tallis), Responses (Sumsion), Jubilate, Christus factus est (Bruckner), Organ: Toccata from Suite Gothique (Boellmann), Rev Martin Henwood; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev Gilbert Lee; 5 Choral E, Vigil for Candlemas; 6.30 ES, The Vicar.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9 & 9.45 LM; 11 HM, Missa III (Monteverdi), Fr David Priest; 6 Solemn E & B; 7 LM.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Bel'Amfitrit'altera (Lassus), Stanford in G Nunc Dimittis; 6.30 EP.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral Euch, Alcock in B flat, Awake, thou wintry earth (Bach).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa Brevis in C (Mozart; Orgelsolo-messe), Jubilate Deo (Walton), Isti sancti (Deering), Bishop of London.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Bel'Amfitrit'altera (Lassus), Rev Alan Caldwick.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Salve Regina (Petr Eben), O Sacrum Convivium (Messiaen); 6 Meditation & Benediction.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Jesu the very thought of thee (Bairstow), Canon J G M W Murphy.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Responses (Smith), Ireland in C, Christ whose glory fills the skies (Armstrong); 3.30 E, Responses (Tomkins), How dear are thy counsels (Crotch), Walmisley in D major, Teach me O Lord (Byrd).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 Sung Euch, Missa Qual el li piu grande amor (Palestrina), Was betrübst du mich meine seele (Schütz), The Bishop of Fulham.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 Te Deum (Holst), How lovely are thy dwellings fair (Brahms), Rev Peter Rapsey; 12.30 HC.

ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M & Sermon, Responses (Leighton), Te Deum, Benedictus (Byrd Great Service), If ye love me (Tallis), Rev Timothy Thornton.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 HC, Setting (Mozart in F), Kyrie eleison, The Creed (Merbecke), Omnes de Saba venient (Handl), Organ: Allabreve in D major (Bach), The Master.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: Services at Chelsea Barracks, SW1. 11 M, Almighty God who has me brought (Ford), Benedictus, Praise ye the Lord (Rutter), Organ: Valiant Years (Rodgers), The Chaplain, Band of The Irish Guards; 12 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 Sung Euch, O God of Bethel (Tye), Hear the voice and prayer (Tallis), The Chaplain.

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BIRTHS

ACHESON-GRAY - On 28th January, at The Portland Hospital, to Joanna (née Porter) and Giles, a son, George Frederick "Fred".

AINSWORTH - See Moody.

BOLITHO - *On* January 28th, to Annabel and Alverne, a daughter, Adelaide Frances.

BOYER - On January 29th in Hong Kong, to Stephanie (née Reynolds) and Jonathan, a son, a brother for India.

BROOKE-TURNER - On January 26th, to Alison (née Reynolds) and James, a daughter, *Flora Harriet*.

BURN - On January 27th, at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, to Amanda (née Hoff) and Simon, a beautiful daughter, Hannah Vere.

COURTAULD - On Tuesday January 26th, to Fiona (née Hadlee), wife of George, Worlds End Farm, Pebmarsh, of a son.

DANIEL - On January 28th 1993, at Queen Mary's Roehampton, to Clare (née Hudson) and Gavin, twin sons, Rowland Henry and Hugo Kenneth.

DORRITY - On January 7th, to Sally (née Sherman) and Iain, a son, Ruairi Anthony.

FRY - On January 21st, to *Anne* (*née* Birrell) and Anthony, a son, Edward Harry Seymour, a brother for Sophie.

GREGORY - On January 29th 1993, at home, to Susan (née Picton) and Michael, a son, Linden Oliver James, a brother for Lydia.

HARDING - On January 14th, in Oceanside, California, to Dumps (née Hunting) and Joe, a daughter (Sabrina May) a sister to Jennifer.

MACDOWELL - On January 29th, to Elizabeth (née Pink) and Charles, a daughter, Hannah Alice Freda.

McCLUNG - On Thursday January 21st, at The Borders General Hospital, Melrose, to Nicola (née Stewart of Coll) and Fraser, a daughter, Lucy.

MOODY - On January 29th 1993, to Wendy and Paul, of Kinsale, Co. Cork, a stunning daughter, Annabel.

FALLOT - On January 28th, to Sue (née Buchanan) and Hugh, a son, William Hugh, a brother for Eleanor.

ROBINSON - On January 17th, to Simon and Elaine, a daughter, Roxanne Jane, a sister for Saul.

SPEED - On Sunday 24th January, to Deborah (née Jack) and Edward, a daughter, Madeleine, a beautiful sister for Sam.

STANILAND - On January 26th, to Jessica (née Acland) and Richard Jeffrey, a son, George Richard Acland.

TILFORD - On January 25th, to Marian (née Smith) and *Jeremy*, a son, *Rory* Charles John.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

BRAYSHAW:JOHNSON - On 30th January 1943, at Eccles Meeting House, Joe to Maryon. Happy ever after. Still at Haslemere.

DEATHS

COLLINS - Joseph, suddenly on 27th January 1993, aged 79. Conductor/Founder of Sunderland Orchestras.

DOUGLAS - On January 28th 1993, peacefully at Blairgowrie Cottage Hospital, Professor Sir Donald aged 81 years, dearly loved husband of Diana, much loved father of Neil, Ian and Kate and a loving grandfather. Funeral Service at St Ninian's Church, Alyth, on Wednesday February 3rd at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please.

GADD - Peacefully on 27th January, Ellen, beloved *mother of Andrew. Funeral* Monday 1st February at Leatherhead Crematorium. No flowers please, donations if desired to Princess Alice Hospice, Esher.

HARSTON - On 27th January, Lt. Col. Clive, B.A., E.R.D., died peacefully, aged 80, at St George's Hospital, Tooting, much beloved husband of Kaye and loving father of Diana and Julian and grandfather to Joanna, Victoria and Alexander. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday 5th February 2.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to T.H. Saunders, 1A Upper Ham Road, Richmond, Surrey, tel: (081) 549-8967.

KIRK - *On January 27th*, in St Mary's Hospice, Dr. David Andrew Kirk of Barrow-in-Furness. Beloved husband of Olwyn, dearest father of Richard, Alyson and Amanda and a dear father-in-law and grandfather. Service in Trinity Church Centre, Abbey Road, Barrow, on Monday at *1.15pm prior to cremation*. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for St Mary's Hospice c/o M.T. Sawrey, Cavendish Street, Ulverston, Cumbria.

LANSDALE - On January 25th 1993, after a courageous battle against cancer, Agnes, much loved wife of John and sister of Mary, Ian and Bernard. The funeral service has taken place in Romford.

MONTEITH - On January 24th 1993, peacefully at home, Denise Marie Emily. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium at 2.45 pm on Wednesday February 3rd.

PILE - Graham, beloved husband of Margaret and devoted father of Hugh and Verity, grandfather of Katherine, Philip, Robin and Patrick. Died suddenly but peacefully on Wednesday 27th January 1993 in Jersey. Relatives and friends *wishing to attend the funeral* service are invited to meet at St Mark's Church, David Place, St Helier, Jersey, on Tuesday 2nd February 1993 at 11 am, followed by private family cremation. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to: The Jersey Masonic Charities Association, c/o Mr J.S. Cunningham Esq, 6 Devonshire Lane, St Helier, Jersey. Enquiries to: Pitcher & Le Quesne Funeral Directors, tel: (0534) 33330.

VICK - On January 29th 1993, in his 92nd year, at Hitchin, formerly of Welwyn Garden City, John O.C. (Jack). Widower of Mary and father of John and Frank. *Cremation private to be* followed by a memorial service at a later date.

WANSTALL - Peter James, on 29th January, suddenly at home in Thrandeston, Suffolk. Beloved husband, father and grandfather.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

STORRS - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Robert Cyril Storrs to be held on Monday 1st March 1993 at 2.30 pm in Eastbourne College Chapel.

IN MEMORIAM – WAR

BAKER - Jack Charles. On this day 50 years ago lost in HMS Samphire. Not forgotten. Ken

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

MEDILL - Muriel Edith. Died January 31st 1990. In loving and grateful memory. Judith, Simon and Annie.

ROWLANDSON - Katherine. Love you always but especially today, your 21st birthday. Mummy, Dads and Edward.

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A copy of this addendum together with the Environmental Statement is available for consultation during normal business hours at the following locations:-

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Any representations in respect of the Environmental Statement together with the addendum should be made in writing to the Secretary of State for Scotland at Room 6/42 New St. Andrew's House, St. James Centre, Edinburgh, EH1 3TA, no later than 26th February 1993.

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OBITUARIES

COLONEL SIR HENRY ABEL SMITH

Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith KCMG, KCVO, DSO, former Governor of Queensland, Australia, died on January 24 aged 92. He was born on March 8, 1900.

Abel Smith with the Queen at the wedding of his son, Richard, at St Mary Abbotts, Kensington, in 1960

HENRY Abel Smith was the oldest member of the royal family, which he joined through his marriage in 1931 to Lady May Cambridge, a niece of Queen Mary and great grand daughter of Queen Victoria.

His mother-in-law was Princess Alice, Countless of Athlone, who died 12 years ago aged 97, and guests at his wedding included the then Prince of Wales. The present Queen, then aged five, was among the bridesmaids.

The romance between the dashing young cavalry captain and Lady May raised a few eyebrows among the royal family — more accustomed in those days to marrying each other. But a story that Queen Mary disapproved of the very idea of "marrying a man called Smith" is probably apocryphal.

In any event, his spirited bride would have no other. The couple had met three years before when her father, the Earl of Athlone, had become the Governor-General of South Africa and appointed Abel Smith, a subaltern in the Royal Horseguards, as his ADC. They had all then sailed on the same ship to Cape Town.

Abel Smith's own family background was in banking. The National Provincial had grown from their bank in Nottingham — where the main NatWest city branch is still called "Smith's".

Young Henry was born in London, a stone's throw from Buckingham Palace, and lost his father when he was only eight. He was later packed off to Eton but immediately caught pneumonia and was invalided home — not to return. He always took great pride in having gone through Eton in two days.

Thereafter he was taught by private tutors, before entering the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and being commissioned into the Blues in 1919.

A major when the second world war broke out, he first saw action in Palestine and Iraq with the 1st Household Cavalry Regiment (HCR) — a wartime merger of the Royal Horseguards and the Life Guards. Returning to this country in 1941, he was immediately made up to a temporary lieutenant-colonel and given command of the 2nd HCR, with whom he served for the remainder of the war.

Confirmed in his rank in 1944 he crossed the Channel with his regiment after D-Day and led it with distinction in an armoured reconnaissance role throughout the allied advance into Germany.

One early regimental triumph was the discovery of an undamaged bridge, eight miles behind enemy lines, which hugely accelerated the progress of 10 Corps. Another came in August the same year when Abel Smith drove his men forward in a rainstorm to capture three more precious bridges across the Somme, known as "Faith, Hope and Charity" before the retreating enemy could destroy them.

The regiment was later attached to 30 Corps, whose commander General Sir Brian Horrocks, writing in the regimental history, said that Abel Smith had turned the 2nd HCR into the finest armoured car regiment in the army. So relentlessly had he trained them back in Britain "that any other regiment would have been driven to mutiny".

Abel Smith commanded the Blues after the war and, promoted to colonel, served on the staff of the Household Cavalry in Whitehall. As such, he worked closely with King George VI on reviving the ceremonial life of peacetime London. The part now played by the Household Cavalry in Trooping the Colour is largely the creation of Abel Smith after the King had asked for it to be given an enhanced role.

He was offered promotion and command of the brigade of footguards. But, a cavalryman at heart, Abel Smith declined. After 30 years he had had enough of uniforms and retired to the country to farm in 1950.

Eight years later, however, he returned to public life as Governor of Queensland, where he stayed until 1966, serving also during May-September 1965 as "Administrator of the Australian Commonwealth" when the Governor-General Lord De L'Isle was away in Britain.

His eight years there were eminently successful. His gregarious, unstuffy manner endeared him to the people of Australia. On one occasion when Princess Alice was staying with them, his official car failed to turn up for them, so he and his mother-in-law, then nearly 80, hitched a lift in the back of a truck.

On returning to this country, the Abel Smiths became familiar figures at royal occasions in and around Windsor. He was made a deputy lieutenant for Berkshire in 1953 and a Knight of St John in 1958 and was on the committee of the Friends of St George's Chapel.

Sir Henry is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son.

JAN GIES

Jan Gies, a member of the Dutch resistance who aided Anne Frank and her family during the Nazi occupation of The Netherlands died on January 26 aged 87.

JAN Gies was one of the few people who knew the whereabouts of Anne Frank and her family during the Nazi occupation of Amsterdam. In 1942, the Franks were forced into hiding in the attic above their offices at 263 Prinsengracht. Originally the family — Otto, his wife Edith, Anne and her elder sister Margot — were alone. Later a family of three, the van Daans joined them and finally a dentist, Dr Albert Dussel.

Gies's wife, Miep, had been an employee of Otto Frank's before the war. She and Jan were to become his family's lifeline. Miep would collect a shopping list from the Franks before the other office workers arrived below each morning and, with Jan's help, would steal or forge the extra ration coupons needed to buy meat for five adults and three children. She later supplied Anne with the exercise books on which she wrote her diaries and presented her with her first and final pair of high-heeled shoes.

The Franks passed their daytime hours in darkness with a strict no-noise rule, but enjoyed a temporary break at lunchtime when the office workers below left the building. Jan Gies worked on the Marnixstraat, a seven-minute walk from Prinsengracht, and would visit the Franks for an hour at lunch. His particular responsibility was to keep the group supplied with black market cigarettes and books from a friend's lending library. Later he sacrificed his radio, taking it apart and, piece by piece, re-assembling it in the attic.

Gies had started life in old South Amsterdam, near the Amstel River. He met Miep, originally from Austria, in the ealy 1930s. She later recalled "a very tall, well-dressed, enormously appealing Dutchman" with thick fair hair and blue eyes, an elegant dresser who was never seen without a tie. Jan became a social worker for the Amsterdam City Bureau and courted Miep, taking her to the Tip Top Theatre in the old Jewish Quarter on Saturday nights. He met other Jews at Otto Frank's house, many of them refugees from Germany.

The Nazis invaded Holland in 1940 and started to persecute Dutch Jews almost immediately. Suddenly Frank's Jewish name on the board of the Pectacon spice company was a liability for his employees. In 1941 he resigned and Jan Gies, with impeccable Christian ancestry, agreed to become its nominal director.

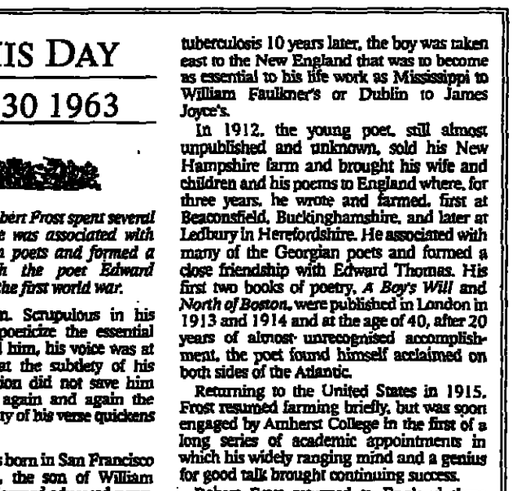
Miep and Jan had been living together in a Jewish friend's apartment but now their wedding plans were rudely accelerated by the Germans. Miep was summoned to Nazi headquarters and threatened with deportation to Vienna, after refusing to join a Nazi girl's club. Her only chance of staying in Amsterdam was to marry a Dutchman. The two were finally married in July 1941.

Gies's resistance work was not confined to helping the Franks. In 1943, he and his wife took in a student who had refused to sign a Nazi loyalty oath and, in 1943, he was enlisted into the official Dutch resistance by a colleague. Fear for Miep's safety prevented him from telling his wife about his activities for six months.

The Franks' attic was raided by the Gestapo on August 4 1944 and its inhabitants arrested. Despite Miep's attempts to bribe the Gestapo, the families were sent to concentration camps. Otto Frank was the only one to return. Anne died of typhus in Bergen-Belsen a day after her sister and just a few weeks before its liberation. Altogether, almost 100,000 Dutch Jews died in the camps.

Miep had hidden Anne's diaries at the time of her arrest, but handed them over to Otto. They were published in Holland in 1947, and were widely read and translated. Jan and Miep Gies became celebrity figures in Holland, attending Anne Frank memorial ceremonies and giving lectures. In 1987, Miep Gies published her own account of those years, *Anne Frank Remembered*. Despite their sudden fame, they refused to see themselves as heroes, insisting they were "very ordinary people during extraordinarily terrible times."

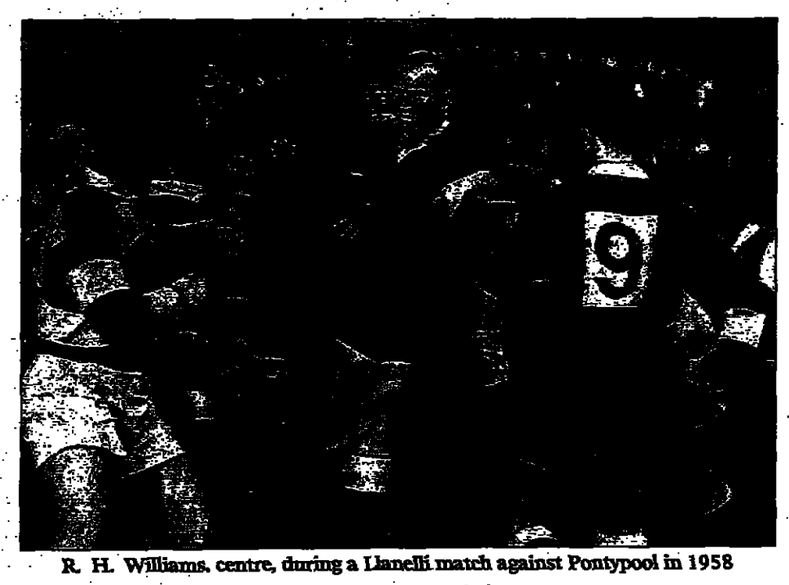
Jan Gies is survived by Miep, and by their son, Paul, who was born in 1950.



Wartime resistance workers: Jan Gies and his wife Miep at the Anne Frank house in Amsterdam

R. H. WILLIAMS

Rhys Haydn Williams, one of Wales's outstanding Rugby Union forwards during the postwar period, died at his home in Whitchurch, Cardiff, on January 27 aged 62. He was born in Cwmllynfell on July 14, 1930.



R. H. Williams, centre, during a Llanelli match against Pontypool in 1958

RHYS Williams, or "RH" as he was known throughout rugby circles, was admired through the whole world game during the 1950s, not only while he was winning 23 caps for Wales but for his hard consistency in ten internationals for the British Isles, the Lions, on tour in South Africa in 1955 and Australasia in 1959.

It was particularly poignant, therefore, that long service to Welsh rugby should have been clouded in 1989 precisely because of South Africa. Williams, then the junior vice-president who would have been president of the Welsh Rugby Union in 1991, resigned after the wrangle over links with South Africa which also cost the WRU its recently appointed secretary, David East.

Williams was one of several Welsh committee members who accepted an invitation from the South African Rugby Board to take part in the board's centenary celebrations. At the time it was a highly controversial and emotive issue which led to Wales breaking rugby contacts with South Africa, and Williams concealed the fact that he had accepted his invitation.

He learnt the game at Ystalyfera grammar school before going on to the University College of Cardiff to study science. He became an education officer in the RAF and began his senior playing career with Llanelli, for whom he played against the touring South Africans in 1951.

To modern eyes his 6ft 2in and 15st 8lb seems small for a second row forward but, in less specialised days and before 6ft 8in giants became commonplace, it was what you did with your physical gifts that counted. Williams was a strong mauling player, adept enough at the line-out and a powerful scrummager. He won his first cap against Ireland in 1954 and, during the next six years, crammed a lifetime's touring experience into a crowded playing career. Not only did he tour with the Lions but he visited Moscow with his club in 1957 and travelled to Canada and South Africa in 1957 and 1958 with the Barbarians, for whom he had an abiding affection and on whose committee he served for many years.

But it was with the Lions that his reputation was confirmed. Williams was one of those players who, by their own hard work permit others to stand out. In South Africa the Lions shared the international series while four years later, in Australia and New Zealand, Williams played so well that he was the only visiting player to be invited to celebrate the retirement of "Tiny" Hill, the New Zealand lock. That was the measure, in those simpler days, of the respect he inspired among the All Blacks.

His international career ended at Twickenham against England in 1960, the only match in which he captained Wales. But he played too soon after illness. Others in the team were also jaded after the long tour they had made with the Lions the previous summer. Wales lost 14-6 and four distinguished heads rolled: Williams, John Faull, Haydn Morgan and Terry Davies. The others all played again for their country but Williams did not.

He worked as a production superintendent for the Steel Company of Wales before returning to education, where he became assistant director for Mid Glamorgan until taking early retirement. He served 13 years as a national selector and managed the Wales B party which toured Spain in 1983.

He leaves his wife, Megan, a son and daughter.

JOHN HINCHCLIFFE

John Hinchcliffe, legal manager of News Group Newspapers, 1971-75, died on January 24 aged 82. He was born on August 19, 1910.

JOHN Hinchcliffe was one of the small but effective team of journalists under Sir Emsley Carr who brought the circulation of the *News of the World* to a record eight million in the early postwar years.

A police officer's son, Hinchcliffe, was educated at Colfe's Grammar School and King's College, London. After training on the *Express & Echo* in Exeter and the *South London Press* he joined the *News of the World* in 1931. In 1938 he was appointed political and foreign editor and in the same year he was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn.

From 1941-46 he served with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve reaching the rank of squadron leader, and taking part in the landings in Sicily, Salerno and Normandy. He was mentioned in dispatches for service in Normandy.

He returned to the *News of the World* as leader writer in 1946. He was appointed assistant editor in 1947, legal manager in 1957 and took over the legal role at the newly acquired *Sun* in 1971.

His quiet determination and kindly nature made him a respected figure in both legal and journalistic circles. For ten years following his retirement in 1975 he "covered" the group's legal department during holiday periods.

After retirement he served as a councillor on Arun District Council. He was a General Commissioner for Taxes, a school governor and worked hard for the interests of handicapped adults. He married Pamela Johnstone in 1946; they had three sons and three daughters.

GORDON HIGGINSON

Gordon Higginson, spiritualist, died on January 18 aged 74. He was born on November 18, 1918.

GORDON Mons Higginson was the son of Fanny Higginson, a famous medium, and himself developed mediumship from the age of 12, being known in those days as the "Boy Medium". His home was in the Potteries and he was associated for most of his adult life with the Spiritualist Church in Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, of which he was president for many years.

He became a member of the Spiritualists' National Union in 1949 and rose to become its president in 1970, a position which he held continuously for an unparalleled 22 years. Higginson was regarded as the most distinguished medium in the United Kingdom, particularly in the field of physical mediumship.

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MR. ROBERT FROST

A GREAT AMERICAN POET

Mr. Robert Frost, the American poet, died at Boston yesterday at the age of 88.

He was, without question, one of the most authentic poets of his generation, a nature poet of commanding integrity, an interpreter of country life of a stamp infrequent in modern American literature. A practical farmer in New Hampshire, he knew and loved the New Hampshire countryside with a quiet passion that was proof against all the temptations of conventional poetic utterance.

The seeming casualness and colloquial ease of his verse made it necessary for him to wait many years for recognition. Not, perhaps, the casualness alone; for urban life was beyond the range of Frost's interest or comprehension, and the full acceptance of "regional" American literature waited upon an adequate appreciation of his work. It was the New Hampshire forest and hillside, its farms and people, its country sociabilities, and solitudes that he cared for and celebrated in an idiom of considered simplicity, drawing from familiar scenes an image of the potential beauty which men might wring out of life in the face of a prevailing materialism. Scrupulous in his refusal to falsify or poeticize the essential quality of what moved him, his voice was at times so subdued that the subtlety of his psychological delineation did not save him from monotony. But again and again the slow, slumbering vitality of his verse quickens into vivid life.

Robert Lee Frost was born in San Francisco on March 26, 1874, the son of William Prescott Frost, Jr., a Harvard-educated newspaper man from an old New England family and Isabelle Moodie Frost, a Scottish-born schoolteacher. When his father died of tuberculosis 10 years later, the boy was taken east to the New England that was to become as essential to his life work as Mississippi to William Faulkner's or Dublin to James Joyce's.

In 1912, the young poet, still almost unpublished and unknown, sold his New Hampshire farm and brought his wife and children and his poems to England where, for three years, he wrote and farmed, first at Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and later at Ledbury in Herefordshire. He associated with many of the Georgian poets and formed a close friendship with Edward Thomas. His first two books of poetry, *A Boy's Will* and *North of Boston*, were published in London in 1913 and 1914 and at the age of 40, after 20 years of almost unrecognised accomplishment, the poet found himself acclaimed on both sides of the Atlantic.

Returning to the United States in 1915, Frost resumed farming briefly, but was soon engaged by Amherst College in the first of a long series of academic appointments in which his widely ranging mind and a genius for good talk brought continuing success.

Robert Frost returned to England three times, in 1928, in 1957, when he received a degree of Litt. D. from Oxford and Cambridge Universities and briefly in 1961.

ON THIS DAY

January 30 1963

The American poet Robert Frost spent several years in England. He was associated with some of the Georgian poets and formed a close friendship with the poet Edward Thomas, who died in the first world war.

MPs offer way out of pit fiasco

■ The cabinet came under mounting pressure to surrender its pit closure programme after MPs outlined a £500 million package that could save half the 31 threatened collieries.

The report from the Tory-dominated Commons trade and industry select committee is expected to form the basis for a government retreat to be announced in a white paper. Its proposals were welcomed by British Coal..... **Pages 1, 2**

Croats struggle against dam disaster

■ Croat engineers frantically shored up a hydroelectric dam damaged during fighting with Serbian forces and began draining its mountain reservoir to prevent a wall of water devastating farmland where 20,000 people live. **Pages 1, 12**

Press warning

MPs fired a warning shot across the newspaper industry by backing a bill imposing new curbs on the press. The Commons gave the press freedom and responsibility bill a second reading by 119 votes to 15 ..... **Pages 1, 7**

Root of evil

Irish bishops condemned currency speculators as having held the nation to ransom. Speculation was rife that Ireland may have to devalue or float the punt ..... **Pages 1, 19**

Major optimism

John Major turned on the "merchants of gloom", branding his critics as unpatriotic and insisting that Britain was within reach of an era of prosperity.... **Page 2**

Murder probe

A murder investigation into the death of Stacey Queripel, 7, has been launched after a new post-mortem examination overturned suggestions that she had died from accidentally strangling on a necklace ..... **Page 3**

Popular classic

Classic FM, Britain's first commercial radio station, has established itself as the fourth most popular station within four months of its launch, claiming almost two million more listeners than BBC Radio 3.... **Page 5**

Vital game

Britain's top chess player, Nigel Short, reaches what promises to be the pinnacle of his career when two and a half weeks of cerebral combat culminate in the vital 13th game in his world championship eliminator **Page 8**

Wider vision

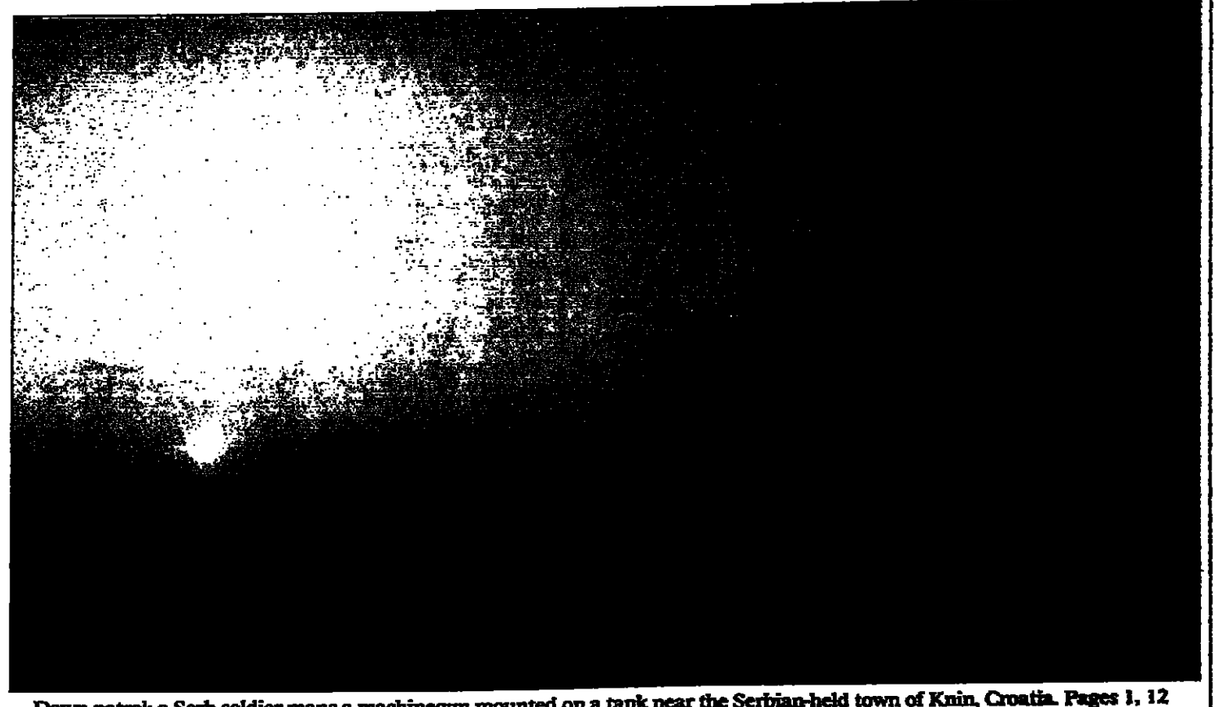
President Yeltsin said that friendship between Russia, India and China would lend new stability and balance to the world..... **Page 10**

Security crackdown

President de Klerk announced a security crackdown in South Africa, but warned whites frightened by rising crime that democracy was the only alternative to "devastating war" ..... **Page 11**

£16,000 a second for Christie

■ Carl Lewis has agreed to a head-to-head race over 100 metres against Linford Christie, which could net Britain's Olympic gold medal winner $250,000, (£165,000) at a rate of £16,000 a second. It will be the race that failed to take place in the 1992 Olympics when Lewis was unwell..... **Pages 1, 36**



Dawn patrol: a Serb soldier mans a machinegun mounted on a tank near the Serbian-held town of Knin, Croatia. **Pages 1, 12**

New gear: Burton is raising £163 million from its shareholders to refurbish its stores over the next three years. It is the second cash call from Burton in two years. **Page 19**

Markets: The pound fell more than 2 cents to $1.4885, its lowest London close against the dollar for four years. The FT-SE index ran out of steam, closing 9.7 points lower at 2807.2 but still 26 points up on the week..... **Page 22**

Cricket: Mohammed Azharuddin, the India captain scored a dazzling 114 not out to wrest the initiative from England in the first Test. England's bowlers had taken control early on, collecting three wickets for 93 runs, but at the close India were 263 for four... **Page 36**

Tennis: Stefan Edberg and Jim Courier will meet in the final of the Australian Open for the second successive year..... **Page 31**

Paul Heiney: Evil forces were abroad on his Suffolk farm last weekend, working every man and beast into a fair lather..... **Page 3**

Food and drink: Frances Bissell on grand dishes from humble cuts of meat; and Jane MacQuitty recommends laying down the 1991 burgundy..... **Page 5**

Strictly ballroom: Stately as two galleons, Helen Pickles and her partner take to the floor for a dance lesson ..... **Page 7**

Take five girls: How 1993's debs view the forthcoming season — and what they wear..... **Page 10**

Cordon bleu children: Start them early and make good cooks of your children — and get a few hours' peace on Saturday morning while they learn..... **Page 12**

Nigella Lawson: Our guest television reviewer bows out with some relief after a surfeit of death and destruction on screen..... **Page 18**

Franz on Franz: A big festival of Franz Schubert's music at the South Bank in London has been devised by Franz Welser-Möst, the young Austrian music director of the London Philharmonic orchestra..... **Weekend, page 14**

Get industrial: The sound of the apocalypse has arrived: "industrial" is the latest rock phenomenon — harsh, mega-watt, and invariably associated with a sub-culture of black-leather, body-piercing and tattoos. Not for the faint-hearted but a growing attraction in London..... **Weekend, page 14**

Norwegian song: The first records to mark the 150th anniversary of Grieg's birth are the complete 170 songs and two discs of the piano music. An auspicious start..... **Weekend, page 14**

All Brass: A new jazz video focuses on the life and art of Branford Marsalis, one of the best young saxophonists.... **Weekend, page 14**

Simon Jenkins

All that has happened is that a magazine has repeated unsubstantiated gossip to get itself publicity. Given Mr Major's firm denial, wagging tongues were unlikely to be further loosened. But they will never be silenced..... **Page 14**

Alexander Chancellor

When asked why he wants to own America's oldest newspaper, [Steven Hoffenburg] does not pretend. "You know why men or women buy newspapers? If they tell you they do it for any other reason but glory, they're not telling you the truth"..... **Page 14**

John Charmley

With respect to those who paid the price of Churchill's war, the time has come to ask some hard questions ... this is not "anti-American" it is "pro-British", a line of little appeal to those who want a federal Europe..... **Page 14**

Milou in May: Louis Malle's film of a French family coming together for a funeral against the background of the riots of 1968 (Today: BBC2, 10.10)

High interest: Tracking teams of receivers as they try to salvage two of Britain's most spectacular business crashes — Maxwell and Windsor Safari Park (Tomorrow: C4 5.15pm).... **Weekend, pages 16,17**

Cape of hope

For sub-Saharan Africa, a peaceful and thriving South Africa could eventually become the flywheel of its own economic regeneration. After three years of false dawns, there is at least a hope now that the best choice may be made. **Page 15**

Classic success

Classic FM is likely, in the long term, to bring a larger audience to Radio 3, as listeners graduate from the most accessible end of the repertoire..... **Page 15**

The Archbishop of York presents "the main arguments" against disestablishment of the Church of England..... **Page 15**

Moderate Arabs, including Israel's Palestinian negotiating partners, understand perfectly well the menace that Islamic extremists like Hamas pose to them, to Israel and to the peace talks, but in their political weakness they have joined the pack.
— The Washington Post

Mr Clinton has been ill served by General Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The two men were once said to be on the same wavelength, with General Powell even on a list to be secretary of state. But the general, either from personal conviction or reflecting the views of other military leaders, has made himself the tool of obstructionists in the services
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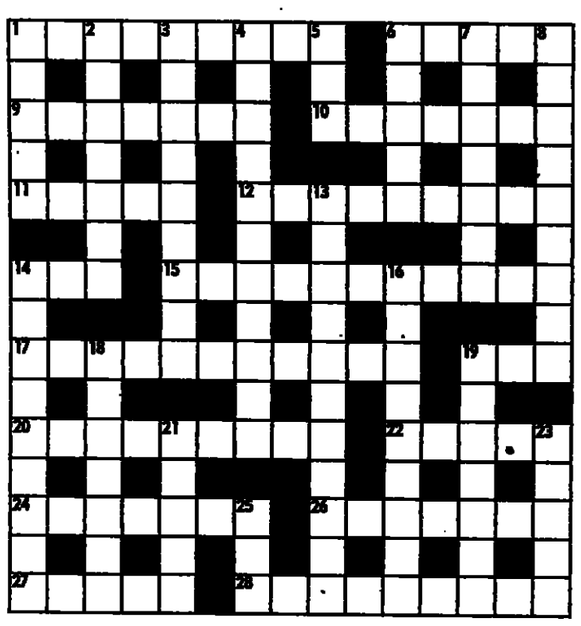

ACROSS

1 Fiddling in toccata like a mad thing (9).
6 Bajan, perhaps, about to take a wife (5).
9 Haggard woman, with old-fashiong hairdo, in a shack (7).
10 Get on with the rightful Duke of Milan for the most part (7).
11 Stamp in gold is so long (5).
12 Sort of cricket stroke that produces a free run (4,5).
14 Mark score of piano, for example (3).
15 Musicians stop on this strip of Cremona (6-5).
17 Footwear made of this required for three holes round a hazard (4-7).
19 Copper redhead is a villain (3).
20 She cannot succeed alone (2-7).
22 Fit of pique (5).
24 Long coves in little island can mean trouble (7).
26 Love stout that makes one resonant of speech? (7).
27 In a bistro, a starter may be meat (5).
28 Bishop, for example, takes various courses at intervals (9).

DOWN

1 Conspirator from whom Caesar took the highest rent (5).
2 Packed sheeting (7).
3 Measure of one offering friendly sympathy? (9).
4 Fancy tile-hanging addressed by Keats? (11).
5 Better international player (3).
6 House host (5).
7 Facsimile of damaged caliper (7).
8 He may produce a screwdriver, bolt and estimate (9).
13 Crackles heard from this new set, tho' range is inferior (11).
14 Early, generator-powered carriage? (4-5).
16 Means to keep one's distance on the canals (5-4).
18 She appears in work by Lamb about the source of "Hamlet" (7).
19 In dress-designing it is not fashionable to make better skirts (7).
21 French composer of unbounded freedom? (5).
23 Power lead deficient of a foot (5).
25 Gift list? (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,135

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Solution to Puzzle No 19,140

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Much of Scotland and Northern Ireland will start dry and bright, with some sunshine in the east. Rain will spread from the west, reaching eastern Scotland by dusk. England and Wales will be mostly cloudy, with light rain or drizzle at times. Central parts will be brighter in the afternoon. Rain will spread to the North and Wales by evening. Outlook: rain tomorrow, becoming mostly dry and settled on Monday. Windy in the North.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	12	54	c	Madrid	7	45	f
Alicante	15	59	s	Majorca	15	59	f
Alex'dria	17	63	f	Malaga	15	59	s
Algiers	19	66	s	Malta	18	61	s
Amst'dm	4	39	c	Melb'rne	23	73	s
Athens	14	57	f	Mexico C*	19	66	s
Bahrain	20	68	s	Miami*	23	73	c
Bangkok	25	77	s	Milan	8	46	s
Barbados*	28	82	f	Montreal	-15	5	s
Barcelna	14	57	s	Moscow	-13	9	f
Beirut	15	59	c	Munich	7	45	c
Belgrade	2	36	f	Naples	12	54	f
Berlin	-2	28	s	N Delhi	21	70	s
Bermuda*	19	66	f	N York*	1	34	c
Biarritz	13	55	s	Nice	13	55	f
Borde'x	7	45	f	Oslo	-9	16	s
Brussels	9	48	r	Paris	11	52	c
Budapst	-1	30	sn	Peking	7	45	s
B Aires*	27	81	t	Perth	36	97	s
Cairo	16	61	s	Prague	-2	28	s
Cape Tn	27	81	s	Reykjavik	3	37	r
Chicago*	3	37	c	Rhodes	14	57	s
C'phagn	-2	28	s	Rio de J	39	102	s
Corfu	12	54	r	Riyadh	27	81	s
Dublin	7	45	c	Rome	14	57	c
Dubrovnik	10	50	c	Salzburg	3	37	c
Faro	10	50	f	S Prisco*	9	48	f
Florence	10	50	r	Santiago*	30	86	s
Frankfurt	8	46	r	Seoul	0	32	s
Funchal	18	55	c	Sing'por	27	81	r
Geneva	7	45	c	St'kholm	-4	25	s
Gibraltar	15	59	f	Strasb'rg	9	48	r
Helsinki	-11	12	s	Sydney	27	81	s
Hong K	17	63	s	Tangier	15	59	c
Innsbrck	5	41	c	Tel Aviv	15	61	f
Istanbul	8	46	f	Tenerife	19	66	s
Jeddah	31	88	s	Tokyo	10	50	s
Jo'burg*	25	77	f	Toronto*	-4	25	sn
Karachi	27	81	s	Tunis	16	61	s
L.Palmas	20	68	s	Valencia	12	54	s
Le Tquet	9	48	d	Vanc'ver*	8	46	r
Lisbon	11	52	c	Venice	8	46	f
Locarno	8	46	s	Vienna	-1	30	sn
London	10	50	c	Warsaw	-6	21	s
L.Angels*	17	63	s	Wash'ton*	3	37	c
Luxembg	7	45	c	Wel'ton	22	72	s
Luxor	24	75	s	Zurich	9	48	f

* denotes figures are latest available

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.02	5	41	dull
Anglesey	0.6	0.10	9	48	drizzle
Belfast	-	0.18	8	46	drizzle
Birmingham	-	0.02	7	45	rain
Bognor Regis	1.5	0.17	11	52	cloudy
Bournemouth	0.1	0.12	11	52	cloudy
Bristol	5.1	-	11	52	sunny
Buxton	-	0.11	9	48	drizzle
Cardiff	1.8	-	10	50	bright
Clacton	-	0.03	8	46	drizzle
Cromer	-	0.02	5	41	drizzle
Douglas	-	0.07	7	45	fog
Edinburgh	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	-	0.02	5	41	drizzle
Exmouth	-	0.11	10	50	drizzle
Falmouth	1.1	0.08	13	55	bright
Folkestone	0.7	0.32	11	52	cloudy
Glasgow	-	0.02	5	41	drizzle
Guernsey	3.2	0.01	13	55	bright
Hunstanton	-	0.01	6	43	cloudy
Jersey	1.3	-	11	52	cloudy
Kinloss	0.1	-	7	45	cloudy
Leeds	-	0.11	6	43	drizzle
Lerwick	-	0.03	5	41	shower
Littlehampton	3.6	0.17	11	52	sunny
Liverpool	-	0.27	7	45	drizzle
London	0.2	0.01	10	50	cloudy
Lowestoft	-	0.04	5	41	dull
Manchester	-	0.19	8	46	rain
Minehead	2.1	-	11	52	bright
Morecambe	-	0.23	7	45	rain
Newcastle	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Newquay	-	0.05	11	52	cloudy
Nottingham	-	0.13	6	43	drizzle
Penzance	0.7	0.11	12	54	drizzle
Plymouth	-	0.12	11	52	dull
Poole	-	0.13	11	52	cloudy
Prestwick	-	0.04	6	46	drizzle
Saunton Snd	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Scarborough	1.0	-	7	45	cloudy
Selsy,Ilses	0.2	0.08	10	50	cloudy
Shanklin	0.3	0.15	11	52	cloudy
Southsea	2.3	0.11	11	52	cloudy
Stornoway	-	0.09	7	45	drizzle
Swanage	-	0.35	10	50	rain
Teignmouth	-	0.06	11	52	cloudy
Tenby	3.6	-	10	50	cloudy
Tiree	-	0.04	8	46	drizzle
Torquay	-	0.06	11	52	cloudy
Wick	1.1	-	6	43	bright
Worthing	1.7	0.21	11	52	bright

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells		Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.295	2.09	Italy Lira	2335.00	2170.00
Austria Sch	17.90	16.40	Japan Yen	203.00	184.00
Belgium Fr	52.45	48.05	Netherlands Gld	2.8625	2.6325
Canada $	2.01	1.85	Norway Kr	10.80	10.00
Denmark Kr	9.85	9.05	Portugal Esc	228.00	210.00
Finland Mkk	8.95	8.15	South Africa Rd	5.40	4.70
France Fr	8.60	7.90	Spain Pta	176.00	163.00
Germany Dm	2.54	2.34	Sweden Kr	11.44	10.64
Greece Dr	342.00	317.00	Switzerland Fr	2.34	2.16
Hong Kong $	12.17	11.17	Turkey Lira	14000.0	13000.0
Ireland Pt	0.965	0.885	USA $	1.585	1.455

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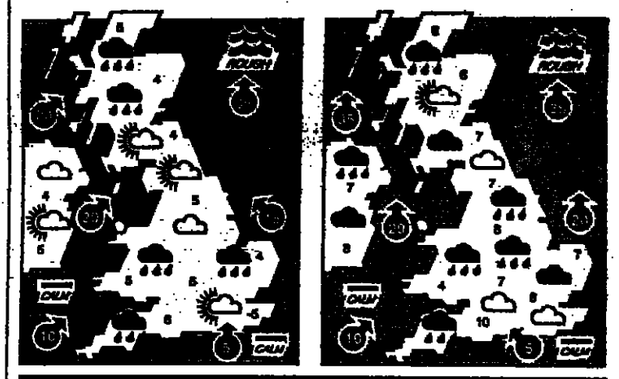

London 4.47 pm to 7.42 am
Bristol 4.56 pm to 7.53 am
Edinburgh 4.42 pm to 8.09 am
Manchester 4.48 pm to 7.58 am
Penzance 5.13 pm to 7.58 am

London 4.47 pm to 7.41 am
Bristol 4.58 pm to 7.50 am
Edinburgh 4.44 pm to 8.09 am
Manchester 4.50 pm to 7.56 am
Penzance 5.14 pm to 7.58 am

TODAY

Sun rises: 7.42 am
Sun sets: 4.47 pm
Moon sets 12.25 am
Moon rises 9.59 am

First quarter 11.20pm

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 7.41 am
Sun sets: 4.48 pm
Moon sets 1.33 am
Moon rises 10.27 pm

Full moon February 6

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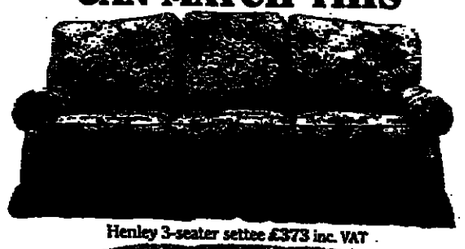

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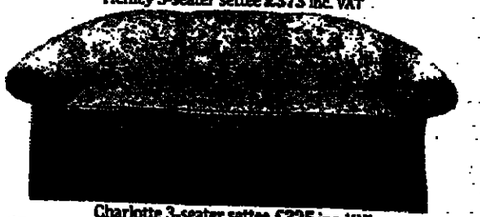

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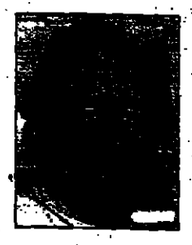

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Irish ERM membership under threat

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

■ The European exchange-rate mechanism shows new signs of strain as the devalued pound drags down the Irish punt. France may also be forced to raise interest rates

IRELAND'S currency crisis deepened yesterday as the nation's two leading banks raised their prime lending rates for large companies to 28 per cent from 16 and 17 per cent.

Increases to levels that will quickly cripple most businesses are being seen as the first sign that the authorities are losing their behind-the-scenes battle to persuade banks and building societies to hold the line on interest rates and limit the damage being inflicted on the Irish economy.

Ireland's stand against devaluation is becoming critical for the economy, even more so because of developments in Britain. Ireland exports a third of all its goods to Britain and, since September, has lost 17 per cent competitiveness as sterling has depreciated.

In a survey published yesterday, a third of Dublin companies said they would be forced to shed labour at a time when Irish unemployment is already at 17 per cent.

The punt remained pinned to its exchange-rate mechanism floor for the third successive day as the Irish authorities reiterated their grim determination to avoid having to devalue the currency or float it outside the system.

After a period of calm, the ERM is beginning to look unstable again, partly because of the ripple effect of the punt's trouble. Currency markets were awash with rumours, all denied, that the Bank of France and private French banks were preparing to raise interest rates.

Currency dealers in Dublin said yesterday that the selling pressure on the punt had been heavy and intense on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday but said they believed the Irish authorities had the political will to go on defending the currency's parity in the ERM.

The punt closed yesterday at 53.95 Belgian francs, below its floor of BFr54.025, and around its floor against the guilder of Fl 2.6190.

The latest bout of speculation against the punt started after British base lending rates were cut on Tuesday and sterling continued to tumble. Sterling remained vulnerable yesterday, holding at just above its October lows against the mark at DM2.3950 but falling to a six-year low against the dollar of $1.4885.

The dollar surged on news of a 9.1 per cent rise in American durable goods orders in December, yet more confirmation of a growing consumer recovery.

There was no relief for Ireland in sight from other members of the ERM, notably the Bundesbank, which the Irish authorities have been imploring to cut interest rates. Ruairi Quinn, the Irish employment minister, yesterday appealed for German help. "The sweetheart arrangement that was extended to the French should, I believe, be extended to all the narrow band currencies," he said, referring to the staunch German defence of the franc since the autumn, through joint policy statements and intervention.

Helmut Schlesinger, president of the Bundesbank, said on Thursday that he supported Ireland's staunch opposition to devaluation but offered no practical help in terms of lower interest rates. Mr Schlesinger continued to emphasise caution on rates because of German inflation.

It is an open secret that the Irish government has used moral persuasion to prevent banks and building societies from raising interest rates. Building societies, which are charging about 14 per cent for mortgages, have seen their deposit base rifled as investors and customers have shopped around frantically for higher interest rates, according to Declan O'Neill, director of foreign exchange at the Ulster Bank Group.

One-month money is at about 40 per cent and overnight rates charged by the central bank were raised to 100 per cent last week. "I saw somebody prepared to pay 30 per cent for a £5,000 loan, liquidity conditions are so tight," he said.

Government schemes to help building societies (including a plan to allow them to borrow at German interest rates and lend at Irish interest rates with the government guaranteeing the exchange-rate risk) were supposed to be finalised last week, but agreement has not been reached. This has raised speculation that the Irish authorities may have to give up their policy of defending the punt.

Under pressure: Richard Gamble said reinsurance was being run down to stem losses

Royal Re to cut back on business

By Sarah Bagnall

ROYAL Insurance, the composite insurer, has ended months of speculation over its reinsurance business with the announcement that it is ceasing to write certain types of risk and limiting others.

The company expects the run-down of its reinsurance business, which does not include its reinsurance subsidiary in America, to take between four and five years.

The decision to cease writing risks such as US reinsurance business placed in London, property excess of loss and aviation and satellite business, will relieve some of the pressure on the company's solvency margin. This is a measure of financial strength, and Royal's is one of the weakest in the sector.

The company, which indicated its intention to scale down its reinsurance activity in 1991, when it discussed selling parts to General Reinsurance of the US, has made increasingly large losses on reinsurance business in the past two years.

Royal Re, the company's reinsurance arm, lost £41 million in the first nine months of 1992, compared with £11 million in the same period in 1991 and £38 million for the entire 1991 year.

Richard Gamble, Royal's group chief executive, said the market had seen a deterioration in results "due to its inherent problems and an unprecedented number of natural catastrophe losses". Most of the group's losses were on catastrophe claims.

The move has prompted analysts to increase forecasts of 1992 losses for the group from £110 million to £120 million, calculated on the basis that Royal Re will take £10 million into reserves, to cover expected future claims.

Unless Royal has underreserved, it is expected to report improved reults for 1993. The shares fell 9p to 267p.

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THE POUND

US $	1.4885 (-0.0215)
German mark	2.3950 (+0.0021)
Exchange Index	78.2 (-0.3)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2807.2 (-9.7)
Dow Jones	3300.03 (-6.22)*
Nikkei Avge	17023.78 (-99.63)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	6⅝-6¼%
US Federal Funds	3%*
3-month Treas Bills	2.91-2.90%*
Long Bond	7.24%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£/$ 1.4875*	£/$ 1.4885
$/DM 1.6095*	£/DM 2.3888
$/SWfr 1.4862*	£/SWfr 2.2074
$/Fr 5.4455*	£/Fr 8.1720
$/Yen 124.80*	£/Yen 185.44
£/SDR 1.0916	£/ECU 1.2276

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 330.75 PM 330.45
Close 330.25-330.75
New York
Comex 330.25-330.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 139.2 December (2.6%)

* Denotes midday trading price

Defence groups hopeful of al-Yamamah completion

By Patricia Tehan

DEFENCE suppliers are hopeful that Saudi Arabia's signing of a £5 billion part of the delayed al-Yamamah arms package will free the way for the rest of the contract, also worth about £5 billion, to be agreed. The news that British Aerospace, the lead contractor, is to supply 48 Tornado bombers as well as weapons and supplies boosted BAe shares 18p to 253p yesterday.

Dick Evans, BAe's chief executive, said the Tornado sale was "the biggest single hurdle". He added: "Having crossed that, we will be talking about the rest."

Westland shares gained 1p to 140p on hopes that it is closer to agreeing the £1 billion sale to Saudi Arabia of 88 Black Hawk armed helicopters, made under licence from America's Sikorsky.

A Westland spokesman said: "Now that the order for Tornados has been placed, we believe that is a significant step forward and that the prospect of clinching an order for Black Hawks is much closer."

Shares in Vosper Thornycroft, which hopes to complete the second half of the sale of six minehunters to the Saudi navy, jumped 18p to 485p.

BAe is also hoping to complete the sale of between 40 and 60 Hawk trainer aircraft.

The £5 billion agreement brings to an end years of uncertainty. The first phase of al-Yamamah was signed between the Saudi and British governments in 1985, worth £10 billion. The second phase was due to have started in 1988, but has been delayed by uncertainties that included concerns over its financing and the Gulf war.

The second phase was initially valued at £20 billion, but the Saudis shelved the £10 billion planned Sulayil air base project on the back burner last summer. Mr Evans said financing of this next phase has not yet been finalised. Al-Yamamah is currently financed by the proceeds of the sale of 500,000 barrels of oil per day. Mr Evans expects the contract will continue to be financed by oil despite a Saudi option to add cash to the programme.

MPs seek to merge power watchdogs

MERGING the activities of Offer and Ofgas, the regulatory bodies for the electricity and gas industries, is one of the reforms proposed by the cross-party report into Britain's energy policy and the market for coal, published yesterday.

MPs called on Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, to take steps to curb power companies' profits and introduce measures to cut electricity bills for large industrial consumers.

In a report looking well beyond the case for expanding British Coal's market, MPs also proposed measures to cut industry's electricity bills and to favour building more energy-efficient generating plants.

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Burton seeks £163m for stores revamp

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

THE tills are ringing for the high street in the City as two retailers in two days tap shareholders for fresh funds, taking a total of £510 million out of the market.

Burton Group has followed Asda's £347 million cash call on Thursday with a £163 million rights issue that will fund the three-year refurbishment of its stable of nine high street chains, which, as well as the eponymous menswear concern, includes Debenhams, Dorothy Perkins, Top Shop, and Principles.

Burton is offering one new share for every four held at 60p, the second call in less than two years after a £161 million one-for-one issue at 30p in June 1991. John Hoerner, the chief executive appointed less than a year ago, said this would be sufficient to cover the planned store upgradings without further recourse to shareholders.

Hoerner: scientific

The proceeds of the issue will trim borrowings to £161 million and gearing to 18.7 per cent. Burton is forecasting a same-again interim dividend of 1p this year. Market reaction suggested the rights, underwritten by SG Warburg, would be a success. The shares ebbed 2½p to 72½p, well above the rights offer.

Kimlan Cook, retail analyst at County NatWest, said the company was right to raise the cash now. "Trying to revive multiple chains with one hand tied behind its back was nigh on impossible for Burton," she said, but cautioned that the new formats that would be introduced into the stores were not yet established, let alone proven. "What worries me is the size of this task and how difficult it is to achieve."

Burton has about 1,700 of its high street stores and 88 branches of Debenhams that need upgrading in an effort to recapture the affections of the fickle shopper. The new format to be introduced into Dorothy Perkins has already been decided and is being implemented, but at Evans and Burton itself, trials into the design are still continuing, while at Top Shop and Top Man only the prototype is under development.

"We're going about it from a very scientific standpoint," said Mr Hoerner. Burton introduces the new format into selected stores, and picks a separate set of shops in the same chain as a control. Only once the new style has proven its worth in higher sales is it implemented elsewhere.

But the stock market is being asked to take all this on trust. Fear of handing over confidential information to competitors precludes Burton from indicating to its shareholders, as they are asked to bring out their wallets again, just how the trials have fared.

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BSH shares fall on news of possible bid by bank

■ **A Luxembourg bank that is claiming up to £2.4 million from Brown Shipley has made a takeover bid for the financial group at well below the stock market price**

By Martin Flanagan

BROWN Shipley Holdings, the investment management and stockbroking group, suffered the rare indignity of seeing its shares crash on news that it might be the subject of a takeover bid.

The shares fell by 15p, to 36p, when BSH indicated that any bid from Kredietbank Luxembourgeoise the Luxembourg bank that already owns 29.8 per cent, would be no more than about 30p a share.

The latest development follows the sales last June of BSH's leasing company and merchant bank. The bank, Brown Shipley and Co, sold Lease Management Services to Woodchester Investments. Then the bank itself was sold to Kredietbank for £1.

Brown Shipley said yesterday that the Luxembourg bank had said there were circumstances that might give rise to claims of up to £2.4 million, relating to a change in the net assets of the leasing business.

BSH said it had denied liability but the claims, if successful at the full amount indicated by Kredietbank, would reduce its net assets to less than half of its share capital. When Kredietbank bought the merchant bank, it was given indemnities of £5 million.

The British company said it would convene an extraordinary meeting to discuss the matter. Talks with Kredietbank are continuing. BSH said its operating subsidiaries continued to satisfy their regulatory requirements comfortably.

William Dacombe, the managing director, said: "People in the market will have to make a judgment as to how they assess the underlying value of BSH against the claims indicated by KBL."

Mr Dacombe said the BSH board did not intend to give any advice to shareholders before a formal offer was made for the company. Some might think it "not impossible" that a rival offer might be made for BSH, he added.

Brown Shipley said the aim of its continuing discussions with the Luxembourg bank was to resolve the situation "in the best interests of BSH, its shareholders and employees".

Mr Dacombe, who joined Brown Shipley in 1991, said he found "a much sicker animal than expected". An added problem for the merchant bank and leasing company was that "the managements did not recognise the sickness".

He said there might be shareholders who would like to retain the holding group's independence in the face of the latest development and "who would be prepared to fight."

He emphasised, however, that the legal costs of such a course of action might be considerable, and would also have to be borne in mind.

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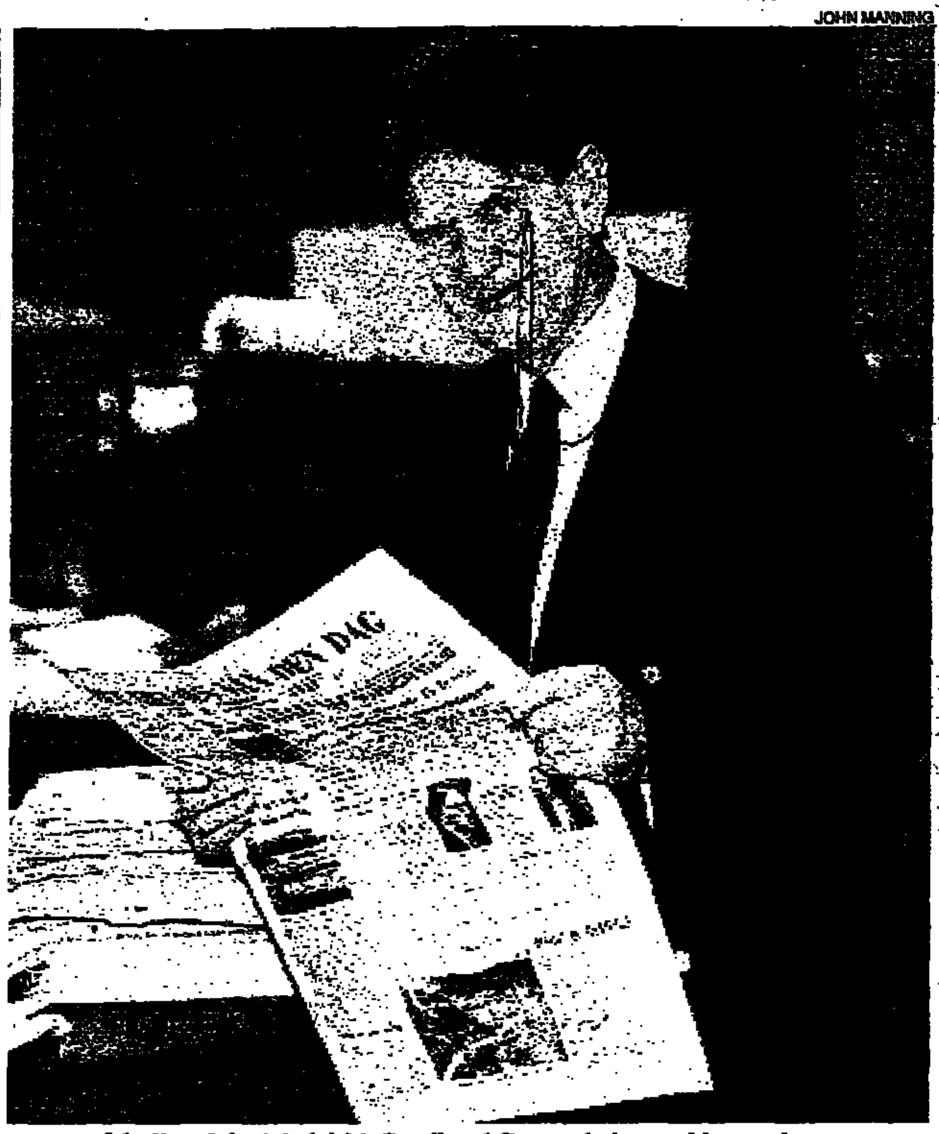

Story of decline: John Madejski, Goodhead Group chairman, blames the economy

Goodhead slips to £181,000

By Derek Harris

GOODHEAD Group, the Bicester printer and publisher with big interests in free newspapers and magazines, reported six-month profits before exceptionals down nearly 27 per cent to £314,000. As last year, it has passed its interim dividend.

Costs involved in sales of under-performing subsidiaries added £133,000 in exceptional items, cutting the final pre-tax figure to £181,000 (£429,000). Accounting for much of the decline in operating profits was the marketing services division, whose operating profits were down by £253,000. Half this division was a direct mail promotional service which has been sold, and negotiations for the sale of the rest of the division, concerned with design, are at an advanced stage.

Colin Rosser, chief executive, said: "We have had to take one or two hits in selling off operations, but it is for the long-term good of the business." There was likely to be at least one further disposal soon, he said.

With the six-month turnover down 13 per cent to £19.3 million, John Madejski, the Goodhead chairman, blamed the sales and profits performance on "continuing difficulties and deterioration in the economy".

Although trading in December and January was at similar levels to 12 months ago, he believed the underlying trend in Goodhead's mainstream business was "encouraging".

Despite disposals, other capital spending has left gearing at nearly 68 per cent.

Property advisers in £10m merger

By Philip Pangalos

DEBENHAM Tewson & Chinnocks Holdings is to merge with Bernard Thorpe in a £10.3 million deal, designed to extend the group's United Kingdom coverage.

The proposed merger between the property advisers is being effected through an all-paper acquisition by DTC, after which the partners of Thorpe will hold about 23.6 per cent of the enlarged group's share capital. The equity consideration is worth about £6.85 million, while DTC is also taking on £3.42 million of loan note debt.

Richard Lay, DTC's chairman, said progress in extending the company's regional network had not been as rapid as wished, due to poor trading conditions in the past three years and the high cost of setting up new offices. He said the merger, which will create a group with pro forma turnover of about £55 million, is a simple way of achieving this.

"This merger provides a perfect fit; it will broaden the combined business, as well as extend our geographic coverage," he added.

Bernard Thorpe, founded in 1922, has six main regional offices in London, Edinburgh, Leeds, Manchester, Bristol and Birmingham. It made a pre-tax profit of £14,000 in the year to end-April 1992, on turnover of £20 million.

Despite the depressed conditions, DTC also unveiled interim figures showing pre-tax profits up 28.7 per cent to £936,000 in the six months to end-October. Turnover grew 5.4 per cent to £17.5 million. Earnings are 1.81p a share (1.22p) and the interim dividend is 1.2p (1p) a share.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Wiggins Group cuts losses at half time

LOWER interest payments helped Wiggins Group, the housebuilder and property developer, to trim pre-tax losses to £359,000 in the six months to September 30, against a loss of £1.76 million last time. Turnover fell to £1.25 million (£5.22 million). Stephen Haykdan, chairman, said that since the end of the half year, talks had been concluded for the sale of the South Western House Building subsidiary, which, when completed, will cut the deficiency of net assets by £3 million.

Net interest payments fell to £369,000 (£767,000). The loss per share was 2.3p, against 11.1p last time. There is again no interim dividend.

McKay passes interim

SHARES in McKay Securities, the property investment company, dived 20p to 90p after it decided to pass its interim, against a payout of 3.2p last time, following a 56.4 per cent slump in pre-tax profits to £877,000 (£2.01 million) in the six months to end-September. Turnover dipped to £5.35 million (£5.48 million) as gross rents receivable slipped to £4.47 million (£4.68 million).

IDV buys Italian group

INTERNATIONAL Distillers and Vintners, Grand Metropolitan's drinks division, is lifting its stake in Buton to 85 per cent. IDV bought one third of the Italian drinks group for £20 million last November. Now, through Cinzano, its Italian subsidiary, IDV has bought, for about £38 million, BIF Srl, a company that owns 50.1 per cent of Buton. With control of Buton, IDV will now make a public offer for the rest.

Palmerston shares dive

PALMERSTON Holdings shares fell from 25p to 12p on news that the property company had plunged into the red in the six months to September and was in talks with bankers over breaches of covenants. The pre-tax loss was £5.8 million (£476,137 profit). Even without exceptional items of £1 million for bad debts and £3.8 million guarantees for associated companies, it would have been £933,620 in the red.

Wholesale Fittings dims

WHOLESALE Fittings, the electricals group, reported interim pre-tax profits of £934,000 to October, against £1.2 million previously. The interim dividend remains 3.23p. Trading conditions continued to be difficult and highly competitive, with activity in the construction and refurbishment sectors at a very low level, the company said. There is little evidence to suggest market conditions are improving.

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities gave back some of their recent gains as investors braced themselves for news of further fund-raising by the Bank of England. But the Bank chose not to issue any further stock. Opinion among brokers indicates that further tranches of stock with redemption dates of between seven and ten years, or as high as 20 years, will be issued next week. Because of this week's auction the Bank will be precluded from issuing stock in the range of 2003 to 2009.

After a hesitant start prices at the longer end later rallied, but the March series of the long gilt future came off the boil, finishing seven ticks lower at £101 21/32 as 36,000 contracts were completed. In the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 eased £1/8 to £102 3/16, while in shorts Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 eased £1/16 to £111¼.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
104	100	Treas 12½% 1993	103	-	12.13	5.76
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	5.99	5.73
107	103	Treas 13¾% 1993	106	...	12.94	5.70
102	96	Treas 8½% 1994	102	...	8.28	5.71
110	104	Treas 14½% 1994	109 †	+	13.30	5.75
110	103	Exch 13½% 1994	108	...	12.39	5.85
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	105	...	9.50	5.83
110	103	Exch 12¼% 1994	109	+	11.40	5.92
105	96	Treas 9% 1994	105	+	8.56	5.92
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	110	...	10.83	6.07
96	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	...	3.12	4.81
109	99	Exch 10¼% 1995	109	+	9.38	6.18
116	106	Treas 12¾% 1995	116	+	10.96	6.28
119	109	Treas 14% 1996	119	+	11.69	6.59
125	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	124	+	12.24	6.71
119	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	119	+	11.13	6.72
110	98	Conv 10% 1996	110	...	9.04	6.78
121	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	121	+	10.91	6.96
112	100	Exch 10½% 1997	112 †	...	9.32	6.88
107	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	107 †	+	8.16	6.88
131	117	Exch 15% 1997	131	+	11.43	7.12
111	97	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	+	8.76	7.02
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
101	98	Treas 7¼% 1998	101	+	7.14	6.89
99	86	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99	-	6.76	6.80
137	123	Treas 15½% 1998	136	+	11.36	7.47
121	107	Exch 12% 1998	120	+	9.94	7.51
111	97	Treas 9½% 1999	110	+	8.60	7.30
123	109	Exch 12¼% 1999	122	+	10.02	7.66
116	101	Treas 10½% 1999	115	+	9.12	7.44
115	100	Conv 10¼% 1999	114	...	8.96	7.50
109	94	Conv 9% 2000	108 †	-	8.31	7.46
128	114	Treas 13% 2000	127	-	10.19	8.00
113	99	Treas 10% 2001	112 †	-	8.88	7.87
128	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	127	+	10.95	7.54
111	98	Treas 9¾% 2002	111 †	...	8.78	8.09
25	21	Treas 8% 2003	24	-	8.01	8.01
113	100	Treas 10% 2003	112	-	8.92	8.26
120	107	Treas 11½% 2001-04	119	-	9.64	8.20
70	59	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70	+	5.00	7.44
109	96	Conv 9½% 2004	107	-	8.80	8.41
109	98	Conv 9½% 2005	107	-	8.80	8.46
128	116	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127	+	9.83	8.59
97	85	Treas 8% 2002-06	96	+	8.27	8.45
122	110	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121	+	9.69	8.54
100	89	Treas 8½% 2007	99	...	8.55	8.57
135	123	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134	-	10.06	8.66
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
104	93	Treas 9% 2008	103	+	8.72	8.61
95	85	Treas 8% 2009	94	+	8.50	8.67
103	93	Conv 9% 2011	102	+	8.79	8.74
103	93	Treas 9% 2012	102 †	+	8.80	8.75
72	62	Treas 5½% 2008-12	71	+	7.68	8.50
92	81	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	91	...	8.49	8.64
130	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	128	+	9.36	8.97
101	91	Treas 8¾% 2017	99 †	+	8.94	8.83
		UNDATED				
45	39	Consols 4%	44 †	-	8.91	...
40	35	War Ln 3½%	39	-	8.92	...
63	59	Conv 3½%	61	...	5.68	...
29	24	Consols 2½%	29	-	8.55	...
29	24	Treas 2½%	28	-	8.63	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	122	Treas IL 2% 1994	133	-	...	1.06
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	197	-	1.60	2.32
108	100	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107	-	2.43	2.99
163	139	Treas IL 2½% 2001	162	-	2.94	3.28
159	138	Treas IL 2½% 2003	158	-	3.10	3.39
109	101	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	107	-	3.25	3.53
162	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	162	-	3.34	3.56
147	124	Treas IL 2½% 2009	146	-	3.50	3.70
152	129	Treas IL 2½% 2011	151	-	3.55	3.73
126	106	Treas IL 2½% 2013	124 †	-	3.60	3.77
133	112	Treas IL 2½% 2016	132	-	3.63	3.80
128	107	Treas IL 2½% 2020	126	-	3.69	3.83
105	88	Treas IL 2½% 2024	104	-	3.72	3.85
107	91	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	105	-	3.72	3.86

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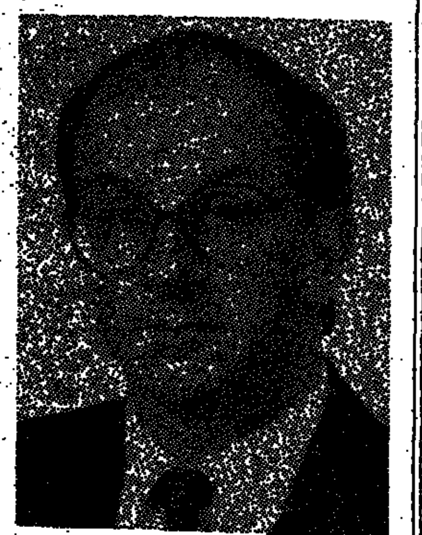

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BUSINESS PROFILE: **Michael Jackaman**

Self-sufficient thinker with a cold centre

Allied Lyons' chairman is universally popular, as Carol Leonard discovered, but beneath he has a ruthless streak

Michael Jackaman, chairman of Allied Lyons, the £5.5 billion brewing and pubs group, gets up from behind his desk, attempts to smooth out the creases in his crumpled cotton shirt by stroking his large stomach, and extends a hand of greeting. He then gestures to two sofas rather than a table and hard back chairs, and stretches out languidly on one, resting his arm expansively along the cushions at the back.

Jackaman, aged 57, is boss to 78,000 employees. He took the helm prematurely, in August 1991, five months after the company's treasury department revealed that it had lost just short of £150 million on foreign currency transactions. The finance director, Cliff Hatch, had resigned and Sir Derrick Holden Brown, the then chairman, was due to retire early. Its succession plans were in danger of falling into disarray.

Jackaman, then in charge of the wine and spirits division, reveals that Holden Brown first approached him in January that year. And that no one was more surprised than him. "I had not expected to be chairman," he says. "I had expected someone else to get the chairman's job. And my first thought was that I did not want to do it, that I would not be very good at it, because I'm not a very good businessman, I'm not very driven. I have a lot of hobbies and I would have liked to have spent more time doing them. I was thinking more in terms of retirement. I do not feel intellectually challenged by business, I have to tell you. Intellectual challenge is something I have missed."

Jackaman accepted nevertheless. "Whatever my misgivings about taking on the chair there was nobody else in the company likely to do it better. I took it on out of a sense of responsibility. But I have enjoyed it very much and I don't think I have done a bad job. I will retire at the normal retirement age, 60... I promised my predecessor that I would do it for five years."

His honest assessment of the situation he found himself in should not be misinterpreted. He is not at ease when it comes to self promotion. He is, in fact, naturally self-effacing and modest. He inherited a Rolls Royce from his predecessor but he wants to sell it and buy something more discreet. A large, quiet man — 5ft 10ins tall but two stone overweight — highly intelligent and renowned for his laid back approach to life, Jackaman feels shy with strangers, unless they can talk about business, admits to a poor memory that makes him prone to vagueness, uses quaint expressions such as "Lordy", has a schoolboy sense of humour and avoids people who are over formal. "I'm really quite impatient of very judgmental people. I like people with a bit of humanity."

> 'I would like to think that my neighbours would not be able to guess what I did for a living'

When at his rambling 1696 home near Yeovil, Somerset, or his Wimpole Street apartment, you will not, he says, find him "wearing a suit, a tie or possibly even shoes. I would like to think my neighbours would not be able to guess what I did for a living". He admits to being unpunctual yet prefers face-to-face meetings to talking on the phone. "I'm not very good on the telephone, especially when discussing complicated or delicate matters." He would rather colleagues put their head round his door on the off chance of finding him there than make specific appointments to see him and he is, he says, "filled with dread" when people produce diaries and insist another appointment is made to meet again in the future. "I hate that feeling of having my life mapped out for the next 18 months. It makes me feel hemmed in. I never carry a diary."

He is aware of his universal popularity but counters accusations that he could be seen as too nice by describing himself as "a bit like an Alaska pudding — I have a cold centre.". An only child — "My father always said 'Blame Hitler' because the war got in the way" — he says he is self sufficient and needs only a small circle of friends. "As a child I was shy and nervous, I suppose. It took me a long time to make friends, I got very used to playing on my own. I have always been very happy in my own company and yes, I do need to have time on my own. I look forward to eight hour plane rides because it means I will have time to myself, to read a book and to think."

TIM BISHOP

Surprise choice: Michael Jackaman was looking forward to retirement when he was offered the top job at Allied Lyons

He can also be objective about the misfortune of others to the point where his wife, Valerie, accuses him of being cruel. "I have a well developed sense of conscience but I'm also quite ruthless in a business sense. We're all a bit like Jekyll and Hyde, aren't we? If I accuse myself of one particular sin it is of being completely selfish, of just not thinking." He will, for instance, sometimes walk away from his car without saying goodnight to his chauffeur. If Valerie is there, she will prompt him and he will then apologise to his driver profusely. People who have known him for years, however, insist such behaviour is not typical. Jeff Palmer, who started at Harvey's, Bristol, on the same day as Jackaman in 1965, and has become a family friend, says, "He is always quite effusive with his thanks and very concerned about the welfare of people, whether they are the tea lady or anybody else. He worries about people far more than he will admit."

Palmer says, however, that he too was surprised when Jackaman got the top job because he thought he would be deemed too unconventional. "When I first met him — and he was my boss — it struck me straight away that he was very relaxed. The other thing I noticed, even more forcibly, was his intellect and his ability to understand extraordinarily complex issues, across a tremendous breadth of subjects. He is good at relaying information to other people. He is excellent at letter writing and he uses admirably simple English. He could easily have been a journalist. In fact, I always thought he should have been editor of *The Times* rather than chairman of Allied Lyons."

Jackaman's creative leanings extend to turning pots in a stable block at his Somerset home, drawing landscapes in pen and ink — "Yes, I do sometimes doodle in the office but I try not to. In board meetings I like to draw peoples faces but they don't always like it" — and collecting oriental art.

Palmer reveals that his house is full of "treasured things: books, pottery. Things he spends a lot of time looking at". Jackaman, after attempting to deny that he is emotional, admits that he can "shed buckets" listening to classical music and hurriedly wiped a tear away after talking about his two children, Emma, aged 29, and Jake, 28. He has been known to read novels written in French or German — subjects he read at Cambridge — for pleasure, and he reveals that his linguistic skills were first spotted when he was four, living in Cairo with his RAF father, and able to speak fluent Egyptian to the houseboy, Greek to the nuns who ran his nursery, French to his nanny and English to his parents.

True to any creative spirit he is also known for his moods, his explosive temper and his use of colourful language. Palmer laughed when told of his "Lordy" exclamation. He was clearly on his best behaviour. "I do swear a lot," Jackaman admits, "which I am ashamed of. Not just when I'm blowing up but all the time. I am quite foul mouthed." And he is, he says, more inclined to be bad tempered at home than at work. "I am often provoked in the office but I take it on the chin. I try to stay calm. I lose my temper more easily at home. Someone might say that I can't have scrambled eggs tomorrow because they forgot to buy the eggs and I will put on an impressive display of temper. But if someone comes into my office and says we've just blown £147 million in currency transactions I will say 'Okay, how are we going to resolve this then'."

Jackaman's self-sufficient temperament is, he believes, largely inherited from his mother. "She was a wonderful woman, charming, happy, vague, good looking, very strong and very self sufficient." They were extremely close. But he must also have been influenced by his early experiences, fleeing Egypt amid the threat of German invasion, moving to South Africa without his father, and being put into a boarding school when aged five. His father was away for the best part of three years. "When I met him again I didn't recognise him, I didn't know him at all. And I didn't see much of him during the next three years either because if I was home, during the school holidays, you could bet your bottom dollar he would be somewhere else. I think he worked in radar defence. He was never at home."

He reveals that his parents lived in 36 different dwellings in their first 18 years of married life and says that when he was at boarding school in England — Felsted, Essex — it was often impractical for him to join them during holidays. "I went to stay with an aunt instead." The experience has toughened him and attracts him to other people who have survived similar experiences. "It's one of the things I look for when I'm recruiting. I'm always a bit suspicious of people who have spent ten years in one job, who have always lived in the same house and been to one school. They might be solid citizens but early experiences are important. They show that you can cope. People who manage to get successfully through a period of great inconsistency and are not marked by it in some way, generally make very good managers."

That is certainly true of Jackaman, but it has left him with one deep-seated regret. That he never got to know his father, who died at the age of 60. "We fought a lot when I was younger, perhaps because I was too much like him and we did not begin to enjoy each other's company until the last three or four years of his life. Yes, I do regret that we didn't have longer."

I then ask him if he is still surprised to find himself in the job he is now in. "Yes," he says. "In fact only last week I sat in this office, looked about me, and thought 'Gosh, I'm the chairman of Allied Lyons.' And then I thought, 'I wonder what Dad would say if he could see me now." Jackaman's motivation is finally revealed.

MPs call for sweeping changes to structure of power market

Select committee proposes greater regulation of energy industry and wider market for coal, reports Ross Tieman

SWEEPING changes to the nature, operation and regulation of Britain's electricity market have been proposed by the trade and industry select committee in its report on Britain's energy policy.

If adopted, the 39 recommendations will alter the nature of competition, increase regulatory interference and place Stephen Littlechild, the regulator, under firmer parliamentary supervision. They will also put a brake on the surge of investment in new power stations, slow down spending in the North Sea oil and gas industry, and protect tens of thousands of jobs at mining equipment makers.

Even so, the report was greeted with relief by many companies in the energy industry. They were grateful that MPs had adhered to market principles in their efforts to provide a larger market for coal and had paid close attention to the detailed arguments of their witnesses.

The committee concluded that the two big power generators in England and Wales — National Power and PowerGen — could burn an extra 16 million tonnes of coal a year. To do so they would need more security in their markets. With that in mind, privatisation plans to reduce the threshold of competition below the present 1 megawatt level in 1994 should be abandoned, the committee said.

A temporary subsidy, obtained by diverting surpluses from the nuclear levy, should be used to reduce the price of marginal volumes of British Coal by up to £5 a tonne, enabling it to roll back the penetration of imports in power generation, industrial and domestic markets, the report said, with funds available for up to 3 million tonnes of sales outside power markets.

Contracts of ten years or more with the generators should be introduced to add stability to markets. Consent for new open-cast mines should be denied unless there were local benefits or if the coal were needed for blending with deep-mined product.

To extend coal's market, sales by Electricité de France into Britain should be denied the nuclear levy and made conditional upon reciprocal access to continental markets for UK generators.

Orimulsion, the oil and bitumen fuel, and high-sulphur heavy fuel oil should only be used if flue gas desulphurisation (FGD) equipment is fitted, the committee said. Combined cycle gas-fired power stations already under construction should be completed, MPs said. But in future, consents should only be granted to high-efficiency combined heat and power plants, or for burning impure "sour" gas, which is unsuitable for household consumption.

That caveat appears to clear the way for the £1.8 billion Liverpool Bay gas development proposed by a consortium led by Hamilton Oil, with construction of an associated 1,360 megawatt power station at Connah's Quay, Merseyside, proposed by PowerGen.

However, MPs noted that, while up to 10 gigawatts of gas plant might be built, cutting load factors from 90 to 75 per cent could enlarge the market for British coal by a further 6 million tonnes, taking total additional sales to 25 million tonnes.

The environmental impact would be tackled by additional anti-pollution spending at power stations. The government should use its powers to ensure PowerGen meets obligations to install FGD on a further 2 megawatts of plant, the report says.

Surplus cash from the nuclear levy, estimated by the committee at up to £380 million a year, should also be used to finance construction of additional FGD equipment at power plants, ensuring Britain meets international commitments. Scottish Power should contribute to FGD costs south of the border, rather than equipping its own, less-polluting plants. And levy money should be used to underpin construction of so-called "clean coal" plants to demonstrate the new technologies.

In addition, the levy should be "tapered" so that large industrial users pay proportionately less. Such companies, which have been hard-hit by rises in power prices, should have the chance to buy power outside the pool, or spot market, the MPs said.

The role of the electricity regulator, Professor Littlechild, was unsatisfactory. MPs called on Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary, to consider merging Offer and Ofgas, the regulatory offices involved in energy supervision, and extend parliamentary supervision of their work.

Professor Littlechild should begin his review of regional electricity company charges immediately, they said, with the aim of reducing their returns. Protection of consumers should be made one of his primary duties, and he should also be required to look after the "legitimate interests" of indigenous fuel producers.

The industry department should begin its own study into how a satisfactory balance between generating capacity and demand could most economically be achieved in the long term.

MPs also called for a shift to rate-of-return regulation on the American model. "The starting point for any new price control formula... should be determined by what is an appropriate level of return on capital relative to risk, rather than the present high return," they said.

"Unsatisfactory role": Stephen Littlechild, regulator

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Rights sap investor confidence

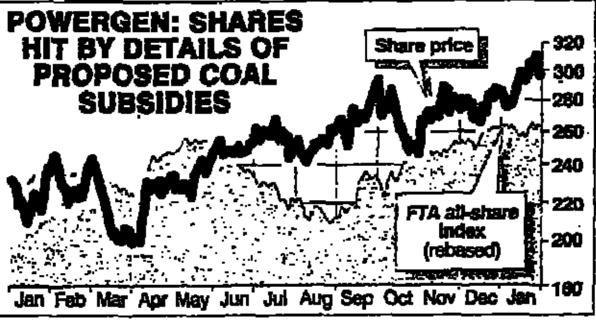
THIS *week's outbreak of hefty* rights issues appeared to be taking their toll on investors in *the Square Mile,* with share prices ending the two-week trading account on a dull note.

Attempts at capitalising on this week's cut in bank base rates to their lowest levels for 15 years proved short-lived, with the market convinced that further fund-raising exercises remain in the pipeline. The FT-SE 100 index wiped out an *early four-point lead* and, at one stage, was down almost 19 points. It eventually *halved the fall to finish 9.7* down at 2,807.2, a rise on the two-week period of 51.8.

End of account profit-taking boosted *turnover* to 773 million shares. Dealers said there was little evidence of buying for the new account.

Speculators are convinced that the next company seeking extra funds will emerge from either the drinks or the insurance sectors. Most of the hot money still rides on **Commercial Union**, which suffered *another relapse to finish* 14p lower at 608p. **Allied-Lyons** continues to be mentioned as *another possible candidate*, but the price, down 11p at 579p, managed to close off the bottom, *with the company* continuing vehemently to deny the charge.

Meanhwile, **Burton Group** *confirmed recent market speculation* by announcing plans to raise £163 million by way of *a rights issue. The terms* are one for four at 60p and the issue has been fully underwritten. The money will be used to *accelerate the speed of the* group's refurbishment programme and reduce debt by *around half. The share price* finished 2½p lighter at 72½p.



Asda, which announced details of a well-heralded fund raising excercise earlier this week, held steady at 68p. Fund managers appear eager to support Archie Norman, the new chief executive, who is pulling out all the stops to enhance the group's recovery programme.

But the rest of the food retailers closed down on the day, with institutional investors apparently reducing their holdings in order to take up their rights entitlement in *Asda. There were losses for* **Argyll**, 9p at 392p, **Tesco**, 8p at 259p, **J Sainsbury**, 4p at *575p,* ***Iceland Frozen Foods***, 5p at 647p, **Kwik Save Discount**, 14p at 809p, and ***William Morrison Supermarkets***, 2p at 165p.

The power generators were *marked sharply lower after the* Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee decided that a larger *market* for coal is feasible and that British Coal *could compete with foreign* producers. It has suggested that a government subsidy of *£500 million over five years be* offered to the generators, the benefits of which are also passed on to their customers, the regional electricity distributors. **National Power** finished 11p lower at 293p, **PowerGen**, 14p to 296p, **Scottish Power**, 1p to 224p and **Scottish Hydro**, 4p to 247p. The distributors also lost ground, with **Eastern**, down 6p at 410p, **East Midland**, 11p at 401p, **London**, 17p at *422p,* ***Manweb****, 10p at 476p,* **Midland**, 18p at 440p, **Northern**, 11p at 459p, **Norweb**, *11p at 457p.*

MEDEVA, the pharmaceutical group, rose 4p to 219p cheered by a buy recommendation from Nikko Europe. Nikko says Medeva's 1994 rating is cheap against the rest of the sector. *Sentiment* has also improved after the completion of the Armstrong *acquisition.*

Seeboard, *8p at 450p*, **Southern**, 17p at 417p, **South Wales**, 12p at 480p, **South West**, *7p at 445p and* ***Yorkshire***, 11p at 469p.

Lasmo bounced back with a *rise of 10p to 165p as speculators* decided it is now a takeover target following the departure of chairman Chris Greentree earlier this week and worries about the maintenance of the dividend.

The rest of the oil companies enjoyed a mark-up, cheered by *reports that a price floor had* been suggested for oil imports in the US. **BP** rose 8p to 245p, ***Enterprise Oil***, *7p to 440p*, **Monument Oil & Gas**, 3p to 37½p, while **Shell** firmed 7p *to 558p despite disappointing* trading news. But American investors were believed to be *sellers of overseas oil* companies in New York last night after discounting the reports. *Brokers warn prices could* open sharply lower in London on Monday.

British Aerospace climbed 15p to 250p, cheered by the news that it had clinched an *estimated £5 billion order* to supply Tornado fighter bombers to Saudi Arabia.

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Banks and charges

❝Despite being "cleared" by the Bank of England, high street banks are still raking in cash from charges in *their drive to regain* the billions of pounds lost through bad debts . . .❞

Business Focus
— The Sunday Times
tomorrow

Nikkei slips on late profit-taking

Tokyo — Profit-taking pulled down prices near the close, but *brokers said sentiment was* upbeat, as investors felt the government was becoming *serious about helping the market.* Buying also came from institutions. The Nikkei index fell 39.63 points to 17,023.78, with an estimated 320 million shares traded.

☐ **New York** — Blue chips made small early gains, then slipped back. There was little reaction to news that American personal incomes rose by 1 per cent, double expectations, and that personal spending rose by ½ per cent, less than forecast. Traders and analysts expressed surprise over the bond market's muted *reaction to a 9.1 per cent surge* in durable goods orders in December. By late morning, *the Dow Jones industrial* average was 1.08 points up at 3,307.33

☐ **Frankfurt** — *Gains* for Allianz and Volkswagen kept the market from slipping *below Thursday's close. The flow* of disappointing corporate news is likely to continue and the chances of an early rate cut by the Bundesbank is remote, so further losses are expected. The Dax index ended 4.01 *points* up at 1,571.85.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng Index closed the week down 162.99 points, at 5,751.40. Shares are expected *to soften next week*, as Sino-British wrangling over the colony's political future continues.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times index closed at an all-time high of 1,620.16.

☐ **Sydney** — The All Ordinaries index closed 1.5 points up at 1,528.2. *(Reuter)*

RISES:

Frost Group	*570p (+26p)*
Fairey Group	550p (+20p)
Thomson Corp	735p (+20p)
FR Group	*263p (+12p)*
Brit Aerospace	253p (+18p)
Land Sec	474p (+11p)
Compass Group	*581p (+11p)*

FALLS:

McKay Secs	90p (-20p)
Rank Org	698p (-29p)
Boots	499p (-11p)
Barclays	420p (-11p)
Brown Shipley	*35p (-16p)*
Nat West	442p (-11p)
Allied Lyons	578p (-11p)
Grand Met	*439p (-11p)*

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Foreign & Col PEP Inv Tst	106	...
Intl Food Machinery (51)	*61*	...
Mauritius Fund (£10¾)	£10⅞	...
OIS Intl Inspection (50)	62	...
Prime People Warrants	1½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Property Trust n/p (25)	13	...
Trio Holdings n/p (50)	24	...
Wessex Water 480 (Nil)	75	+4
West Trust n/p (3)	¾	...

	Jan 29 midday	Jan 28 close
AMP Inc	57¼	57⅝
AMR Corp	62¼	62¼
Abbott Labs	27½	27⅝
Aetna Life	50⅜	50⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅝	20
Air Prod & Chem	44⅛	43⅞
Albertson's	48⅜	48⅝
Alcan Alumin	18⅛	18⅛
Alco Standard	40⅛	39⅞
Allied Signal	58⅝	58⅝
Alum Co of Am	74	74⅞
Amax	17½	18
Amerada Hess	48⅝	49⅛
Amer Brands	35⅝	36⅛
Amer Cyanamid	53⅝	54
Amer El Power	33⅝	33⅝
Amer Express	22⅝	22⅝
Amer Genl Corp	57⅞	57⅝
Amer Home Pr	62⅝	62⅝
Amer Intl	116⅝	117⅝
Amer Stores	42⅛	42⅛
Amer T & T	52⅝	53⅝
Ameritech	71⅛	72⅝
Amoco	52⅝	53⅝
Anheuser-Busch	58⅝	58⅝
Apple Computer	60⅝	59⅝
Archer Daniels	26⅝	26⅛
Arkla	7⅝	7⅛
Armco	7⅝	7⅛
Armstrong Wrld	32	37⅝
Asarco	27	28⅛
Ashland Oil	27⅛	27⅛
Atl Richfield	116⅝	118
Auto Data Pro	50⅝	50⅛
Avery Dennison	28⅝	28⅝
Avon Products	56⅝	57⅛
Baker Hughes	20⅝	20⅝
Baltim Gas & El	24	24⅛
Banc One	50⅛	50⅝
BankAmerica	52⅝	52⅝
Bank of NY	56⅝	57⅛
Bankers Tr NY	66⅝	66⅝
Barnett Bnks	43	43⅝
Bausch & Lomb	54	53⅝
Baxter Intl	30⅝	30⅝
Becton Dicknsn	77⅝	77⅝
Bell Atlantic	51¼	52⅝
BellSouth	51¼	52⅝
Black & Decker	17⅝	16⅝
Block (H&R)	38⅝	38⅝
Boeing	35⅝	35⅝
Boise Cascade	24⅝	24⅛
Borden Inc	27⅝	27⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	58⅝	59⅝
Browning Ferris	28⅝	28
Burlington Nthn	48⅝	48⅝
CBS	188⅝	189
CNA Financial	94⅝	94
CPC Intl	47	46⅝
CSX	73⅝	72⅝
Campbell Soup	41¼	41½
Can Pacific	12⅝	13
Cptl Cities ABC	489	481
Cptl Holdings	77⅝	77⅝
Carolina Pwr	57⅝	57⅝
Caterpillar	55⅝	56⅛
Central & SW	30⅝	30⅝
Champion Intl	29⅝	29⅝
Chase Manhat	29⅝	28⅝
Chemical Bk	40⅝	40⅝
Chevron Corp	72	72⅝
Chrysler	39⅝	39⅝
Chubb Corp	87⅝	87⅝
Cigna Corp	61¼	61⅝
Citicorp	25⅝	25⅝
Clorox	44⅝	44⅝
Coastal Corp	24⅝	24⅝
Coca Cola	41¼	41½
Colgate-Palmolive	56⅝	56⅝
Columbia Gas	20	19⅝
Commonw Ed	25⅝	25
Compaq Comp	57⅝	52
Comp Ass Int	25⅝	25⅝
Conagra	30⅝	30⅝
Cons Edison	33⅝	33⅝
Cons Nat Gas	45⅝	45⅝
Cons Rail	54⅝	54⅝
Cooper Inds	49⅝	48⅝
Corning Inc	36⅝	37⅝
Crown Cork	39⅝	40⅝
Dana Corp	47	47⅝
Dayton Hudson	78⅝	79⅝
Deere	46⅝	46⅝
Delta Air Lines	51½	51
Deluxe Corp	42⅝	42⅝
Detroit Edison	34	34
Digital Equip	42	41¼
Dillard Dept St	48⅝	48⅝
Disney (Walt)	45⅝	45
Dominion Res	40⅝	40⅝
Donelley (RR)	28⅝	28⅝
Dover Corp	45⅝	45⅝
Dow Chemicals	52⅝	52⅝
Dow Jones	29⅝	29⅝
Dresser	18⅝	18⅝
Duke Power	36⅝	36⅝
Dun & Brdstreet	57⅝	58⅝
Du Pont	45⅝	45⅝
Eastman Kodak	49⅝	49⅝
Eaton Corp	80	79⅝

	Jan 29 midday	Jan 28 close
Emerson Elec	54⅝	53⅝
Engelhard Corp	38⅝	38⅝
Enron Corp	48⅝	48
Entergy Corp	34⅝	34⅝
Ethyl Corp	28⅝	28⅝
Exxon	60⅝	61⅝
FMC Corp	48⅝	48⅝
FPL Group	37⅝	37⅝
Federal Express	56⅝	56⅝
Fed Nat Mtge	79⅝	79⅝
First Chicago	42⅝	41⅝
First Interstate	50⅝	49⅝
First Union Rity	9⅝	9⅝
Fleet Fin Grp	32⅝	32⅝
Fluor Corp	42⅝	41⅝
Ford Motor	45⅝	46⅝
GTE Corp	35	35⅝
Gannett	53⅝	52⅝
Gap Inc Del	34⅝	34⅝
Gen Cinema	36⅝	36⅝
Gen Dynamics	114⅝	113⅝
Gen Electric	85⅝	85⅝
Gen Mills	67⅝	67⅝
Gen Motors	37⅝	37⅝
Gen Reinsurance	121⅝	120⅝
Gen Signal	69⅝	65⅝
Genuine Parts	34⅝	35
Georgia Pac	59⅝	59
Gillette	53	53⅝
Glaxo ADR	20⅝	20⅝
Goodrich (BF)	49	48⅝
Goodyear Tire	68	68
Grace (WR)	38⅝	38⅝
Gt Atl Pac Tea	24⅝	24⅝
Great Wstn Fin	18⅝	18⅝
Halliburton	29⅝	29⅝
Heinz (HJ)	42⅝	41⅝
Hercules	69⅝	68⅝
Hershey Foods	48⅝	47⅝
Hewlett Packard	72⅝	71⅝
Hilton Hotels	48⅝	47⅝
Home Depot	64⅝	64⅝
Homestake	10⅝	10⅝
Honeywell	33⅝	33⅝
Household Intl	65	65⅝
Houston Inds	46⅝	46⅝
Humana	19⅝	20
ITT Corp	71½	72
Illinois Tool	67⅝	67⅝
INCO	22⅝	22⅝
Ingersoll Rand	33⅝	34
Inland Steel	23⅝	23⅝
Intel Corp	108⅝	109
IBM	51¼	50⅝
Intl Flav & Fr	105⅝	105⅝
Intl Paper	65	65⅝
James River Va	17	16⅝
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	43⅝	48⅝
K Mart	23⅝	23⅝
Kellogg	62⅝	62⅝
Kerr-McGee	44⅝	45⅝
Kimberly-Clark	58⅝	58⅝
Knight-Ridder	63	63
Lilly (Eli)	56	57
Limited Inc	27⅝	27⅝
LIN Brdcstng	79⅝	82
Lincoln Nat	72⅝	72⅝
Litton	47⅝	47
Liz Claiborne	39⅝	40⅝
Lockheed Corp	56⅝	56
Louisiana Pac	70⅝	68⅝
MCI Commun	39⅝	40⅝
Marriott	24	23⅝
Marsh & McLnn	91¼	91½
Martin Marietta	69⅝	69⅝
Masco Corp	32⅝	32⅝
May Dept St	70⅝	70
Maytag Corp	15⅝	15
McCaw Cellular	33⅝	35⅝
McDonalds	48⅝	48⅝
McDonnell D	58⅝	57⅝
McGraw Hill	61¼	61½
Mead Corp	38⅝	37⅝
Medtronic	90	89⅝
Mellon Bk	56⅝	56⅝
Melville Corp	50⅝	50⅝
Merck Inc	39⅝	40⅝
Merrill Lynch	66⅝	66⅝
Minnesota Mine	97⅝	97⅝
Mobil Corp	67⅝	68⅝
Monsanto	53⅝	53⅝
Morgan (JP)	59⅝	59⅝
Motorola Inc	52⅝	55⅝
Natl Medical	10⅝	10⅝
Natl Semi	11⅝	11⅝
Natl Service Ind	26⅝	26⅝
Navistar Int	3	3
NBD Bancorp	32⅝	32⅝
NY Times A	28⅝	29
Newmont Mng	39⅝	38⅝
Niag Mohawk	19⅝	19⅝
Nike B	81¼	81
NL Industries	4⅝	4⅝
Nordstrom	39⅝	39⅝
Norfolk Sthrn	60⅝	62
Nthn State Pwr	43⅝	43⅝
Norwest Corp	45⅝	45⅝
Nynex Corp	82⅝	83⅝
Occidental Pet	18⅝	18⅝
Ohio Edison	23⅝	23⅝

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Oracle Systems	31⅝	32⅝
Oryx Energy Co	19⅝	20
PNC Financial	30⅝	29⅝
PPG Industries	62⅝	62⅝
Paccar Inc	58⅝	58⅝
PacifiCorp	19⅝	19⅝
Pac Enterprises	20	20
Pac Gas & Elec	33	33
Pac Telesis	43⅝	45⅝
Pall Corp	20⅝	20⅝
Panhandle East	18⅝	18⅝
Paramnt Comm	46⅝	46⅝
Parker Hannifin	32⅝	32⅝
Penney (JC)	71⅝	72⅝
Pennzoil	52⅝	53
Pepsico	41⅝	41⅝
Pfizer	65	66⅝
Phelps Dodge	50⅝	51⅝
Philadel Elec	27⅝	27⅝
Philip Morris	74⅝	74⅝
Phillips Pet	26⅝	26⅝
Pitney Bowes	40⅝	40⅝
Polaroid	29⅝	29⅝
Price Co	37⅝	37⅝
Primerica	53⅝	53⅝
Procter & Gmbl	50	49⅝
Pub Serv E & G	31⅝	31⅝
Quaker Oats	64⅝	64⅝
Ralston Purina	49⅝	49⅝
Raychem Corp	39⅝	39⅝
Raytheon	49⅝	48⅝
Reebok Intl	35	35⅝
Reynolds Metals	53⅝	53⅝
Roadway Srvcs	70⅝	69⅝
Rockwell Intl	28⅝	28⅝
Rohm & Haas	53⅝	54⅝
Royal Dutch	81⅝	82⅝
Rubbermaid	31⅝	31⅝
Safeco Corp	62⅝	61⅝
St Paul's Cos	77⅝	76⅝
Salomon Inc	36⅝	36⅝
Santa Fe S Pac	14⅝	14⅝
Sara Lee Corp	28	28⅝
Scecorp	44⅝	44⅝
Schering Plough	59⅝	59
Schlumberger	58	58⅝
Scott Paper	38⅝	38⅝
Seagram	25⅝	25
Sears Roebuck	49⅝	48⅝
Shell Trans	50⅝	51⅝
Sherwin Wllms	30⅝	30⅝
Skyline Corp	22⅝	22⅝
Snap-On-Tools	32⅝	32⅝
Southern Co	38⅝	38⅝
Sthwestern Bell	68⅝	71⅝
Sprint Corp	26⅝	27⅝
Stanley Works	40⅝	40⅝
Sun Company	28⅝	29
Suntrust	43	43⅝
Supervalu	34⅝	34⅝
Syntex Corp	20⅝	20⅝
Sysco Corp	25⅝	25⅝
TRW Inc	53	52⅝
Tandem Comp	13⅝	13⅝
Tandy Corp	26⅝	25⅝
Telecom Corp	2⅝	3
Teledyne	19⅝	19⅝
Temple Inland	48⅝	48⅝
Tenneco	40⅝	40⅝
Texaco	60⅝	60⅝
Texas Inst	52⅝	52⅝
Texas Utilities	43⅝	43⅝
Textron	42⅝	42⅝
Time Warner	32⅝	32⅝
Times-Mirror	32⅝	32⅝
Timken	29⅝	29⅝
Torchmark	60⅝	60⅝
Toys R Us	38⅝	38
Transamerica	49⅝	49⅝
Travelers Corp	28⅝	28⅝
Tribune	52⅝	51⅝
Tyco Labs	45⅝	46⅝
UAL Corp	123⅝	122⅝
UST Inc	31½	31
USX Marathon	17⅝	17⅝
Unilever NV	105⅝	107⅝
Union Camp	44⅝	44⅝
Union Carbide	16⅝	16⅝
Union Pacific	57⅝	58
Unisys Corp	12⅝	12⅝
USAIR Group	14⅝	14⅝
USF&G Corp	13⅝	13⅝
US Life	39⅝	39⅝
US West	38⅝	38⅝
United Tech	46⅝	46⅝
Unocal Corp	25⅝	26
Upjohn	29⅝	29⅝
VF Corp	53⅝	53⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	64⅝	64⅝
Warner-Lambert	64⅝	65⅝
Waste Mgmnt Inc	37⅝	37⅝
Wells Fargo	96⅝	98⅝
Westinghouse El	13⅝	13⅝
Weyerhaeuser	40⅝	40⅝
Whirlpool	45⅝	46⅝
Whitman	14⅝	14½
Winn Dixie	74⅝	75
Woolworth	29⅝	29⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	30⅝	29⅝
Xerox	83⅝	82⅝

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS. 071 538 8800				
Series Mngd Fd	362.40	383.50	+ 4.70	...
Series Equity	465.60	492.70	+ 7.40	...
Series Prop Fd	388.60	411.30	+ 0.30	...
Series Fixed Int	295.80	313.10	+ 5.30	...
Series Money Fd	235.90	249.70	- 0.20	...
Series Oseas Fd	246.90	261.30	+ 2.70	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD. 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	16.90	17.79	+ 0.01	...
Bear	17.49	18.42	- 0.24	...
Owl	17.05	17.95	- 0.25	...
Bull	15.29	16.10	+ 0.22	...
Stag	15.81	16.65	- 0.30	...
Gilt Edged	17.28	17.28	+ 0.21	...
Deposit	14.93	14.93	...	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	22.39	23.57	+ 0.08	...
Bear	22.97	24.18	- 0.33	...
Owl	22.30	23.47	- 0.39	...
Bull	18.89	19.89	+ 0.31	...
Stag	18.92	19.92	+ 0.43	...
Gilt Edged	21.00	21.00	+ 0.27	...
Deposit	18.82	18.82	+ 0.06	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	481.94	481.95	-10.08	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	289.00	304.22	+ 7.45	...
N Amer Equity	275.37	289.87	+ 2.52	...
Far East Equity	309.39	325.68	+ 1.14	...
Fixed	269.97	284.08	+ 3.58	...
Cash Deposit	191.71	201.81	- 0.05	...
Property	88.72	93.39	- 2.98	...
Special Opp	284.40	299.37	+11.65	...
Managed	253.98	267.35	+ 4.93	...
Index-Linked Fd	178.90	188.32	+ 3.04	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	250.27	263.40	- 0.50	...
-do- Acc	440.40	463.60	- 1.10	...
Equity Fd Inc	151.10	159.10	- 2.50	...
-do- Acc	191.00	201.10	- 3.30	...
Selective Fd	424.40	446.80	+ 5.90	...
Money Fd	350.20	368.70	- 0.40	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	344.00	362.20	- 0.70	...
Equity Ser 4	188.90	198.90	+ 2.50	...
Man Ser 4	555.30	584.60	+ 6.10	...
Conv Ser 4	307.70	323.90	+ 0.40	...
Money Ser 4	307.40	323.60	- 0.40	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	313.80	330.40	+ 2.80	...
American Ser 4	472.20	497.10	- 2.90	...
High Inc Ser 4	566.90	596.80	-12.70	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	190.90	201.00	+ 3.10	...
Japan Ser 4	269.50	283.70	+ 4.00	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ. 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1350.9	1422.0	+18.10	...
European Fd Acc	291.80	309.20	+ 2.60	...
Fixed Int Acc	479.80	505.00	+ 6.00	...
Gtd Money Acc	314.50	330.90	- 0.20	...
Intl Managed Acc	485.90	511.50	+ 6.00	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	307.80	324.00	+ 2.70	...
Japan Fund	219.60	231.10	+ 5.30	...
N American Acc	297.40	313.10	+ 2.00	...
Prop Fd Acc	369.50	389.00	+ 0.40	...
Multiple Inv Acc	895.40	942.50	+10.00	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL. 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	350.10	368.60	- 0.30	...
Equity Acc	1175.3	1237.2	+11.90	...
Property Acc	462.60	487.00	...	...
Far East Acc	224.30	236.20	+ 5.20	...
Managed Capital	461.70	486.10	+ 5.20	...
-do- Acc	908.10	955.90	+ 8.60	...
Overseas Acc	809.10	851.70	+ 8.00	...
Gilt Edged Acc	427.80	450.40	+ 6.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	696.70	733.40	- 7.20	...
Amer Man Acc	300.90	316.80	+ 4.10	...
Amer Prop Acc	114.20	120.30	- 0.90	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	134.50	141.50	- 0.20	...
Balncd Ser 5	601.70	633.30	+ 6.90	...
Opportunity Ser 5	128.40	135.10	+ 1.20	...
UK Equities Ser 5	823.40	866.70	+11.30	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	845.70	890.20	+20.60	...
North Amer Ser 5	438.10	461.10	- 3.90	...
Far East Ser 5	404.30	425.50	- 9.60	...
Europe Ser 5	285.80	300.80	+ 3.50	...
Intnl Ser 5	477.40	502.50	+ 6.30	...
Property Ser 5	470.80	495.50	- 4.00	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	380.00	399.90	+ 3.30	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	166.70	175.40	+ 1.90	...
Gteed Dep Ser 5	277.10	292.30	+ 0.10	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB. 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	709.40	746.80	+ 8.00	...
-do- Initial	499.70	526.10	+ 4.10	...
Gilt Edged Acc	350.60	369.10	+ 4.90	...
-do- Initial	249.10	262.30	+ 2.70	...
International Acc	322.50	339.50	+ 3.40	...
-do- Initial	227.60	239.80	+ 1.80	...
Managed Acc	441.30	464.60	+ 4.60	...
-do- Initial	312.10	328.60	+ 2.30	...
Money Acc	273.80	288.30	+ 0.10	...
Property Acc	251.90	265.20	- 0.10	...
-do- Initial	177.10	186.50	- 0.10	...
America Acc	256.80	270.40	+ 4.00	...
Australia Acc	157.10	165.40	- 2.30	...
Financial Acc	245.80	258.80	+ 7.90	...
500 Accum	363.70	382.90	+ 8.50	...
Japan Genl Acc	265.10	279.10	+ 9.10	...
Income Acc	432.30	455.10	+10.00	...
Leisure Acc	189.90	199.90	+ 0.80	...
Special Sits Acc	183.00	192.70	+ 2.90	...
Unit Trust Acc	118.90	125.20	+ 0.90	...

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BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	679.73	679.73	+ 8.48	...
Income Fund	649.76	683.96	+13.89	...
Extra Income	597.12	628.55	+15.90	...
Worldwide Gth	410.19	431.78	+ 3.16	...
Balanced Fund	574.18	604.40	+ 7.87	...
Smllr Cos Recov	569.89	599.89	+17.11	...
N Amer & Genrl	352.81	371.38	- 3.65	...
Pacific Basin	314.94	331.52	- 1.00	...
German Growth	180.62	190.13	+ 4.23	...
Japan Growth	120.93	127.30	+ 2.30	...
The UK Gth Fd	184.05	193.74	+ 3.24	...
Contl Euro Gth	99.11	104.33	+ 0.86	...
Property Fund	338.65	356.48	- 2.98	...
Fixed Interest	285.21	300.23	+ 6.08	...
Cash Fund	266.90	280.95	+ 0.22	...
Managed Inv	417.83	439.83	+ 5.35	...
Nth Amer Recov	231.80	244.00	- 1.80	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	365.91	385.17	+ 5.13	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire. 0475 868800				
Measured Perf	132.10	139.80	+ 1.70	...
Performance Plus	128.20	135.70	+ 1.70	...
With Profit Perf	155.70	164.80	+ 0.30	...
UK Opportunity	154.60	163.60	+ 3.30	...
Euro Opportunity	161.10	170.50	+ 1.10	...
North Amer Opp	129.20	136.70	- 2.30	...
Far East Opp	133.40	141.20	- 0.50	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	150.90	159.80	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	147.90	156.50	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Int	159.60	168.90	+ 1.10	...
Cash	147.30	155.90	+ 0.10	...
Overseas	149.00	157.70	+ 3.70	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA. 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	£241.00	...	+ 6.40	...
Managed	268.90	283.10	+ 4.00	...
Property	190.80	200.90	+ 0.80	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	212.00	223.20	+ 3.40	...
Index-Linked	175.00	184.20	+ 3.70	...
Equity	296.90	312.60	+ 5.30	...
Cash	206.20	217.10	+ 0.20	...
CLife Euro Mgd	285.10	300.20	+ 1.70	...
CLife Intl Fd	285.50	300.60	+ 1.60	...
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£114.00	...	- 0.30	...
Property Units	£25.07	...	...	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£56.26	£59.53	+ 0.40	...
2nd Equity Acc	353.30	385.50	+ 0.60	...
2nd High Inc Ac	525.60	556.20	+ 7.80	...
2nd Property Acc	230.60	244.00	...	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	163.10	172.60	+ 1.60	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	396.10	419.20	+ 2.70	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	190.90	202.00	- 0.60	...
2nd Deposit Acc	264.70	280.10	+ 0.30	...
2nd Gilt Acc	268.90	284.60	+ 4.70	...
2nd Amer Acc	611.20	646.80	- 5.60	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	244.40	258.60	- 2.40	...
2nd Index Acc	176.70	187.00	+ 3.00	...
2nd Far East Acc	327.50	346.60	+ 3.30	...
2nd Global Acc	153.10	162.00	- 0.40	...
2nd Euro Acc	122.60	129.70	- 0.10	...
2nd Japan Acc	157.10	166.20	+ 3.80	...
2nd Heritage Acc	68.40	72.40	...	...
2nd Int Cr Bd Ac	147.00	155.60	- 2.20	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	109.40	115.80	+ 1.10	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	183.20	192.90	- 1.50	...
Managed Fund	525.50	553.20	+ 7.40	...
Equity Fund	296.10	311.70	+ 4.50	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	235.60	248.10	+ 2.60	...
Ruby	125.90	132.60	+ 2.10	...
Emerald	129.70	136.60	+ 1.50	...
Equity	278.80	293.50	+ 2.10	...
Property	176.80	186.20	- 0.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	185.20	195.00	+ 3.00	...
Indexed Secs	150.90	158.90	+ 2.00	...
Cash	175.90	185.20	+ 0.10	...
Nth American	199.50	210.10	- 2.00	...
Far East	213.60	224.90	+ 0.80	...
International	176.90	186.30	+ 2.40	...
Special Sits	243.20	256.10	+ 3.10	...
Intl Income	243.20	256.00	+ 3.80	...
American Inc	167.20	176.00	+ 2.90	...
European	232.40	244.70	+ 2.40	...
Japanese	103.20	108.70	+ 4.00	...
SE Asia	243.60	256.50	- 0.20	...
With Profits Reg	143.40	151.00	+ 0.20	...
-do- Spec	141.40	151.00	+ 0.30	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	255.40	268.90	+ 2.30	...
Equity	316.20	332.80	+ 1.00	...
Property	170.90	179.90	- 0.40	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	220.30	231.90	+ 3.60	...
Index Linked	158.50	166.90	+ 1.60	...
Cash	228.20	240.30	+ 0.30	...
Nth American	240.60	253.30	+ 2.70	...
Far East Acc	217.30	228.80	+ 5.20	...
International Acc	224.00	235.90	+ 3.80	...
Special Sits	360.80	379.80	+ 5.90	...
European Flex	302.40	318.40	+ 4.50	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL 24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD. 071 248 9861				
(Units) Key	£191.39	...	...	...
-do- Pacemaker	£260.03	...	...	...
-do- Cash	193.40	203.58	+ 0.16	...
-do- Equity	436.95	459.95	+ 8.62	...
-do- Fxd Int	323.60	340.63	+ 3.65	...
-do- Managed	320.87	337.76	+ 6.12	...
-do- Property	203.59	214.31	+ 5.14	...
(Pens) Cash Cap	204.15	214.91	- 0.12	...
-do- Cash Inv	280.11	294.86	- 0.36	...
-do- Equity Cap	1219.8	1284.0	+24.08	...
-do- Equity Inv	1673.7	1761.8	+34.21	...

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-do- Fixed Cap	359.02	377.93	+ 4.24	...
-do- Fixed Inv	492.59	518.53	+ 6.15	...
-do- Index Cap	191.61	201.71	+ 2.65	...
-do- Index Inv	262.90	276.75	+ 3.81	...
Mngd Cap	492.92	518.87	+ 8.84	...
Mngd Inv	676.31	711.92	+12.61	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	1575.18	...	-13.87	...
Var Ann (5)	382.11	...	- 1.60	...
Prime: Managed	332.20	349.70	+ 4.20	...
Prime: UK Equity	400.30	421.40	+ 5.10	...
Prime: Int Equity	242.10	254.90	+ 4.60	...
Prime: Property	185.00	194.80	+ 0.10	...
Prime Fxd Int	219.40	231.00	+ 1.40	...
Prime Index-Lnk	155.30	163.40	+ 2.10	...
Prime: Cash	193.00	203.20	...	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN. 0438 744940				
Managed Fund	939.70	989.10	- 9.10	...
Equity Fund	1346.5	1417.3	- 8.50	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW. 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	503.90	530.40	+ 6.90	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	328.60	345.80	+ 4.50	...
Life Equity Acc	692.70	729.10	+ 9.40	...
Life Money Acc	283.10	297.90	- 0.40	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	610.60	642.70	-13.30	...
Life Intl Acc	415.80	437.60	+10.10	...
Life High Inc Acc	646.90	680.90	+ 9.90	...
Life Property Acc	222.50	234.20	- 5.50	...
Crown Brit Inv A	997.50	1095.1	...	...
Brewin Equity	611.00	643.10	-11.60	...
DBS Managed	228.30	240.30	+ 1.40	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester *GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311*				
Secure Fund	164.70	173.40	+ 0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	209.70	220.30	- 1.60	...
-do- Series 2	133.60	140.70	- 1.00	...
Adventurous Fd	165.30	174.10	+ 1.30	...
-do- Series 2	122.50	130.10	+ 1.00	...
Performance Fd	208.20	219.20	+ 2.60	...
-do- Series 2	133.90	141.00	+ 1.70	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	134.90	142.10	+ 1.40	...
UK Equity Fund	134.50	141.60	+ 1.00	...
Property Fund	104.00	109.50	...	...
Envrnmntl Opps	135.90	143.10	+ 0.50	...
Euro Fund	133.10	140.20	+ 1.50	...
North Amer Fd	177.50	186.90	- 2.30	...
Oriental Ops	136.70	143.90	...	...
Japanese Fund	90.20	95.00	+ 3.50	...
Bri & West Life	111.50	117.40	+ 0.10	...
Bri & West Pen	122.40	128.90	+ 0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	237.60	246.40	+ 2.00	3.72
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH. 0722 413366				
Managed (Mix)	257.50	271.10	+ 2.20	...
UK Equity	347.80	366.20	+ 2.70	...
Stewardship	293.70	309.20	+ 5.10	...
Overseas Equity	220.40	232.10	- 3.00	...
North American	130.40	137.30	- 1.90	...
Pacific Basin	111.10	117.00	+ 1.30	...
European	155.90	164.00	+ 0.30	...
Property	186.60	196.50	- 1.30	...
Fixed Interest	201.40	212.00	+ 2.40	...
Index Linked	148.40	156.30	+ 1.80	...
Cash	187.10	197.00	- 0.20	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575				
GT Plan Far East	244.60	257.50	- 2.90	...
GT Plan Wwide	379.10	399.10	- 8.80	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628912				
Managed	172.20	181.20	+ 3.20	...
Unitised Profit	119.30	124.40	- 0.20	...
UK Equity	236.60	249.00	+ 1.20	...
Fixed Int	175.00	184.10	+ 1.90	...
Index-Linked	149.90	157.60	+ 2.00	...
Cash Deposit	165.00	173.60	- 0.10	...
Property	160.80	169.10	- 0.50	...
International	155.30	163.40	- 3.63	...
American	143.10	150.70	- 5.60	...
Japan	189.50	199.50	- 5.00	...
Japan Smllr Cos	179.80	189.20	- 2.40	...
European	150.00	157.50	+ 0.90	...
Pacific Fund	197.90	208.30	- 0.80	...
Conv Life	129.80	136.50	+ 1.40	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE *Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex* CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	611.10	611.10	+ 5.30	...
-do- Inv A	611.00	641.30	+ 5.50	...
UK Equity	356.40	375.20	+ 2.60	...
Gilt Plus	191.50	201.70	+ 2.60	...
Managed	265.80	279.80	+ 2.50	...
Inter Man	239.20	251.90	+ 2.40	...
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth. 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	614.50	647.50	+ 7.60	...
Money Fund	298.20	313.90	- 0.30	...
Equity Fund	542.10	571.20	+ 3.30	...
Fixed Interest	252.20	265.80	+ 3.70	...
Property Fund	229.60	241.70	+ 5.20	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Genl	495.40	522.00	- 1.00	...
Income	624.40	658.00	-12.30	...
International Gth	514.60	542.50	+ 3.50	...
Capital Fund	543.40	572.60	+11.10	...
Recovery Fund	525.80	554.10	+11.80	...
Japan & General	206.50	217.50	+ 2.10	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange, London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	632.50	658.80	- 1.30	...
Managed Initial	396.40	417.30	+ 1.40	...
-do- Acc	542.30	570.70	+ 2.10	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Initial	584.70	615.40	+ 1.50	...
-do- Acc	799.80	841.90	+ 2.50	...
Fixed Int Initial	393.60	414.40	+ 4.50	...
-do- Acc	538.50	566.80	+ 6.40	...
Intl Initial	379.80	399.70	+ 7.80	...
-do- Acc	519.50	546.80	+10.90	...
Nth Amer Initial	171.70	180.70	+ 2.40	...
-do- Acc	213.80	225.00	+ 3.10	...
Pacific Initial	184.60	194.30	+ 6.60	...
-do- Acc	227.60	239.60	+ 8.20	...
Property Initial	150.00	157.80	- 0.60	...
-do- Acc	205.10	215.90	- 0.40	...
Index-Lnkd Intl	149.00	156.80	+ 2.00	...
-do- Acc	185.50	195.20	+ 2.60	...
Deposit Initial	192.10	202.20	...	...
-do- Acc	262.80	276.60	+ 0.20	...
Euro Initial	79.10	83.30	+ 0.60	...
-do- Acc	91.00	95.80	+ 0.70	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939				
Managed	140.30	147.60	+ 2.10	...
-do- Pens	164.60	173.20	+ 3.10	...
UK Equity	137.10	144.30	+ 3.10	...
-do- Pens	148.60	156.40	+ 4.50	...
International	120.00	126.30	+ 2.40	...
-do- Pens	127.50	134.20	+ 3.00	...
Deposit	132.40	139.30	+ 0.10	...
-do- Pens	153.10	161.10	+ 0.20	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA. 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	339.50	361.20	+ 6.00	...
North America	324.50	345.30	- 2.20	...
Far East Fund	427.40	454.70	+ 4.90	...
Global Managed	382.90	407.40	+ 4.90	...
Deposit Fund	215.70	227.10	+ 0.10	...
Prime Residential	125.20	131.80	- 1.10	...
European Fund	205.60	218.80	+ 1.30	...
Fixed Interest	67.70	72.10	+ 1.00	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	433.00	458.30	+ 3.90	...
British Fund	444.80	470.70	+ 0.80	...
International	425.50	450.30	+ 4.40	...
Dollar Fund	327.40	346.50	+ 3.30	...
Capital Fund	396.20	419.30	+ 9.70	...
Income Fund	581.50	615.40	+ 7.70	...
Property Series A	378.30	400.40	+ 2.10	...
Property Units	611.90	642.50	+ 3.50	...
Financial Fund	435.60	461.00	+ 6.10	...
Managed Ser A	462.60	489.60	+ 8.60	...
-do- C	269.60	285.30	+ 4.70	...
Managed Units	825.10	868.60	+15.40	...
High Yield Fund	544.50	576.20	+13.90	...
Money Series A	270.70	286.50	+ 0.20	...
Money Units	356.10	374.90	- 0.40	...
Equity Fund	520.90	551.30	+ 5.40	...
Fixed Interest	333.20	352.60	+ 3.00	...
Indexed Secs	164.00	173.60	+ 2.80	...
European Fund	586.20	620.40	+ 2.40	...
Natural Res	216.80	229.50	+ 7.10	...
Far East Fund	442.50	468.30	+ 6.40	...
Smaller Cos	384.40	406.80	+10.30	...
Special Sits	371.40	393.10	+ 4.30	...
Man Currency	349.00	363.50	+ 1.20	...
Japanese Tech	193.90	205.20	+ 3.60	...
US Smaller Cos	213.60	226.10	+ 1.80	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	468.30	492.90	+ 6.00	...
Global Property	261.10	274.90	...	...
Global Fixed Int	456.90	480.90	+ 4.80	...
Global Equity	501.70	528.10	+ 5.60	...
Global Cash	200.50	211.00	+ 0.20	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ. *0452 371371*				
Gtd Mgd	438.70	461.80	- 7.70	...
Property	406.60	430.90	-67.50	...
Managed	354.50	373.20	+ 0.90	...
American	362.10	381.20	+ 7.20	...
UK Equity Fd	392.20	413.40	- 2.20	...
Japan	150.80	158.70	+ 3.90	...
Index-Lkd	171.90	180.90	+ 2.80	...
High Yield	715.40	753.10	+13.90	...
Growth Cap	392.00	412.60	+ 5.10	...
Money	377.50	397.40	+ 0.40	...
International	320.00	335.30	+ 4.90	...
Henderson Active	178.00	187.30	+ 3.90	...
Perpetual Active	225.80	237.70	+ 3.00	...
Growth Cap	392.00	412.60	+ 5.10	...
-do- Acc	549.00	577.00	+ 2.40	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE. 0273 524000				
B Sec Lnkd Init	134.70	141.80	...	...
-do- Acc	175.20	184.50	+ 0.10	...
Brit Opps Init	122.50	128.80	+ 1.30	...
-do- Acc	143.30	150.90	+ 1.50	...
Cash Initial	166.40	175.20	+ 0.10	...
-do- Acc	279.90	294.60	+ 0.30	...
Equity Initial	571.50	601.70	+ 4.60	...
-do- Acc	928.10	977.00	+ 7.60	...
Fixed Initial	330.60	348.00	+ 3.60	...
-do- Acc	537.30	565.50	+ 6.00	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	127.80	134.60	+ 2.00	...
-do- Acc	177.20	186.60	+ 2.80	...
Intl Initial	285.30	300.60	+ 3.80	...
-do- Acc	456.50	480.60	+ 6.10	...
Managed Initial	435.90	457.80	+ 4.10	...
-do- Acc	675.80	711.40	+ 6.70	...
Property Initial	182.20	191.80	+ 0.30	...
-do- Acc	296.20	311.80	+ 0.60	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND *113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB.* 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	301.30	317.10	+ 4.20	...
UK Equity	511.50	538.50	+ 7.20	...
Property	272.70	287.10	- 0.10	...
Money Market	228.00	240.00	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	285.10	300.20	+ 2.40	...
Japan	294.20	309.70	+ 9.50	...
North America	153.50	161.60	+ 2.40	...
International	244.60	257.50	+ 4.10	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
European	224.60	236.50	+ 3.30	...
Far East	96.20	101.30	+ 1.10	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA. 0272 279179				
Equity	£777.00	...	+ 8.50	...
Fixed Interest	£363.80	...	+ 4.30	...
Property	£362.20	...	+ 0.50	...
Deposit	£274.00	...	+ 0.40	...
Mixed	£503.50	...	+ 4.50	...
Indexed Stock	£192.60	...	+ 2.90	...
International	£230.70	...	+ 1.60	...
Equity A	£180.90	...	+ 2.10	...
Fixed Int A	£161.90	...	+ 1.90	...
Property A	£159.60	...	+ 0.20	...
Deposit A	£161.30	...	...	...
Mixed A	£166.20	...	+ 1.70	...
Index Stock A	£151.20	...	+ 2.30	...
International A	£144.90	...	+ 0.90	...
Equity P	£621.30	...	+ 8.40	...
Fixed Int P	£466.10	...	+ 5.20	...
Property P	£286.90	...	+ 0.50	...
Deposit P	£315.20	...	+ 0.50	...
Mixed P	£447.90	...	+ 4.70	...
Index Stock P	£220.30	...	+ 3.30	...
International P	£255.40	...	+ 1.90	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 283456				
Inv Trust Cap	£491.40	...	+11.00	...
-do- Acc	£757.10	...	+17.60	...
Property Cap	£158.20	...	- 0.10	...
-do- Acc	£236.70	...	- 0.10	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£191.10	...	+ 2.10	...
-do- Acc	£286.20	...	+ 3.40	...
Equity Cap	£293.30	...	+ 3.60	...
-do- Acc	£443.60	...	+ 5.90	...
Internatl Cap	£206.90	...	+ 1.90	...
-do- Acc	£309.70	...	+ 3.10	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£171.30	...	- 0.10	...
-do- Acc	£254.30	...	+ 0.20	...
Flexible Cap	£319.30	...	+ 3.40	...
-do- Acc	£487.90	...	+ 5.50	...
Moneymaker Fd	£383.20	...	+ 4.30	...
Capital Growth	£1395.4	...	+17.60	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB. 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	381.40	400.50	+ 3.70	...
Amer Rec Bond	418.00	439.00	- 9.20	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	210.80	221.40	+ 1.00	...
Australasia Bd	146.80	154.10	+ 4.20	...
Commodity Bond	197.00	207.00	+ 5.20	...
Deposit Bond Acc	340.80	358.00	- 0.30	...
Equity Bond Acc	1155.3	1213.1	+28.40	...
European Bd Acc	280.50	294.60	- 0.90	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	571.20	599.80	-10.70	...
Far East Bd Acc	217.30	228.30	+ 1.30	...
Gilt Bond Acc	391.90	411.50	+ 6.00	...
Gold Bond Acc	76.90	80.90	+ 5.60	...
High Yield Bond	289.10	303.60	+ 3.40	5.27
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	192.80	202.50	+ 3.40	...
International Bd	584.50	613.80	+ 6.70	...
Japan Bond Acc	209.80	220.40	+ 5.70	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	173.50	182.20	+ 2.20	...
Managed Bonds	702.90	738.40	-11.30	...
Prop Bond Acc	298.50	313.60	+ 0.70	...
Rec Bond Acc	596.60	626.80	+ 0.50	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	201.30	211.90	+ 2.20	...
UK Equity Acc	266.10	280.20	+ 3.00	...
Special Sits	83.00	87.40	+ 0.40	...
Special Sits Acc	109.80	115.60	+ 0.60	...
North American	177.80	187.00	- 1.70	...
N American Acc	235.00	247.40	- 3.80	...
Pacific Basin	279.80	294.60	+ 4.40	...
Pacific Basin Acc	370.00	389.50	+ 6.00	...
Fixed Interest	273.90	288.40	+ 3.10	...
Fixed Interest Acc	362.70	381.80	+ 4.30	...
Property	154.30	162.50	- 0.20	...
Property Acc	204.30	215.10	- 0.20	...
Deposit	149.30	157.20	+ 0.10	...
Deposit Acc	198.30	208.80	+ 0.30	...
Managed	228.90	241.00	+ 2.50	...
Managed Acc	279.00	293.70	+ 3.10	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	595.90	627.30	+ 5.30	...
Property Fund	471.10	495.90	- 0.10	...
Equity Fund	745.00	784.20	+ 5.30	...
Gilt Edged Fd	540.00	568.40	+ 6.40	...
Deposit Fund	310.60	325.90	+ 0.20	...
Investment Fd	315.30	331.90	+ 1.70	...
International	457.80	481.90	+ 7.40	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS 91 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA. Admin: 0272 268346. Prices: 081 759 2945 or 0272 752297				
Property	398.40	419.30	- 0.80	...
Equity Bond	291.50	306.80	+ 3.30	...
Money Mrkt Bd	478.00	503.10	+ 4.10	...
Deposit Fund	354.60	373.20	- 0.40	...
Managed Fund	400.30	421.30	+11.20	...
Intl Equity	442.20	465.40	+ 7.10	...
Intl Managed	427.60	450.10	+ 6.50	...
North American	189.00	198.90	+ 0.90	...
Far East	314.20	330.70	+ 3.50	...
Intl Currency	242.30	255.10	+ 4.20	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth. 0705 827733				
Equity	126.90	133.50	+ 1.70	...
Fixed Interest	481.50	506.80	+ 4.50	...
Managed	609.60	641.60	+12.30	...
Deposit	317.60	334.30	- 0.50	...
Property	376.60	396.40	- 0.10	...
American	391.20	411.70	+ 5.00	...
Australian	390.70	411.20	+15.70	...
European	430.20	452.80	+ 3.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	240.60	253.20	+ 1.50	...
Global Managed	123.50	130.00	+ 2.50	...
Income Acc	669.30	704.50	+23.80	...
-do- Dist	421.40	443.50	+20.60	5.33
International	265.40	279.30	- 2.40	...

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Japan Smaller	354.30	372.90	+ 5.80	...
Singapore & Mal	237.00	249.40	+10.80	...
Smaller Cos	324.20	341.20	+19.20	...
Tokyo Fund	519.30	546.60	+16.80	...
UK Equity	534.40	562.50	- 6.30	...
CCM Mngd Mg	635.30	668.70	+ 8.00	...
Equity Pens Cap	843.90	888.30	+14.30	...
NATIONAL PROVIDENT 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH. *071 623 4200*				
Managed	408.58	430.10	+ 4.20	...
UK Equity	508.60	535.40	+ 3.50	...
Overseas Equity	402.20	423.40	+ 7.20	...
Americas	377.90	397.80	- 6.60	...
Far East	379.60	399.60	+ 7.80	...
Property	193.20	203.40	- 0.40	...
Fixed Interest	330.20	347.60	+ 4.30	...
Indexed Gilt	207.20	218.20	+ 3.70	...
Deposit	203.00	213.70	+ 0.20	...
NORWICH UNION ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 148, Norwich NR3 1PP. 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1173.8	1235.6	+12.80	...
Eqty Fund	2581.1	2716.9	+28.90	...
Property Fd	435.10	458.00	- 2.00	...
Fixed Int Fd	537.60	565.90	+ 8.80	...
Deposit Fund	323.50	340.50	+ 0.40	...
Intl Fund	194.00	204.20	+ 2.30	...
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63212				
Inv Prop Dist	137.40	144.70	+ 0.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	261.80	275.60	+ 0.40	...
Inv Equity	1010.1	1063.3	+17.00	...
Inv Managed	695.70	732.30	+10.50	...
Ret Managed	761.10	801.20	+14.40	...
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Stricklandgate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB. 0539 733733				
Bal Gwth Mngd	667.30	702.90	+13.30	...
Cash Fund	317.00	334.10	+ 0.40	...
Property Fund	216.70	230.60	- 0.70	...
Equity Fund	758.50	802.00	+ 7.40	...
Fxd Interest Fund	401.70	431.80	+ 3.30	...
International	334.50	358.30	+ 3.00	...
High Income	594.80	632.80	+17.70	...
Far East	448.40	474.90	+10.50	...
North American	455.30	484.40	+ 5.80	...
Special Sits	548.00	583.00	+ 6.20	...
Technology	463.90	493.60	+ 2.20	...
Extra Income Fd	324.80	345.60	+ 9.10	...
Gilt Fund	443.80	472.20	+ 6.40	...
European	120.20	128.50	+ 1.20	...
Adventurous Mg	169.70	178.70	+ 2.50	...
Secure Mgd	125.80	133.90	+ 1.90	...
Equity Inc Dist	107.00	113.90	+ 2.50	5.03
North American	100.70	107.20	+ 1.70	5.68
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA. 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	260.60	274.90	+ 5.60	...
Fxd Interest Acc	215.70	227.60	+ 3.40	...
International Acc	207.50	218.90	+ 3.00	...
Managed Acc	187.90	198.20	+ 2.40	...
Property Acc	221.60	233.80	...	...
Money Acc	144.50	152.50	+ 0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	184.80	195.00	- 0.90	...
Japan Equity Acc	89.00	93.90	+ 3.40	...
N Amer Acc	146.90	155.00	+ 0.90	...
Pacific Acc	120.10	126.70	+ 1.20	...
European Acc	114.30	120.60	+ 1.00	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL Walsworth Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP. 0438 739080				
Managed Ord	397.10	418.00	+ 4.70	...
Managed Initial	284.40	299.40	+ 3.30	...
Equity Ord	607.70	639.70	+ 6.40	...
Equity Init	435.10	458.00	+ 4.20	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	187.00	196.80	+ 2.90	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	139.80	147.20	+ 2.10	...
Oseas Equity Ord	295.70	311.30	+ 5.90	...
Oseas Equity Init	211.70	222.80	+ 4.00	...
Property Ord	219.90	231.50	- 0.20	...
Property Init	157.50	165.80	- 0.20	...
Fixed Int Ord	254.80	268.00	+ 3.10	...
Fixed Int Init	182.30	191.90	+ 2.00	...
Deposit Ord	192.80	204.00	+ 0.20	...
Deposit Initial	138.80	146.10	- 0.10	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH. 071 405 9222				
Managed	285.20	297.10	+ 3.90	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS *1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP.* 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	635.60	668.50	+ 7.00	...
Equity Fund	1265.5	1332.1	+12.10	...
Intl Fund	466.00	490.60	+ 8.00	...
Fixed Interest	525.50	553.20	+ 5.40	...
Property Fund	376.40	396.30	...	...
Cash Fund	343.60	361.70	+ 0.20	...
Pacific Basin	230.60	242.80	+ 4.20	...
N American Fd	210.90	222.00	+ 5.80	...
Euro Fund	209.40	219.40	+ 1.50	...
Balanced Fund	128.00	134.80	+ 1.20	...
Strategic Fund	129.60	136.50	+ 1.70	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (40)	391.60	...	...	...
-do- Acc	388.10	408.50	...	...
Op Prop	408.80	430.40	...	...
Op Equity	863.30	908.80	+16.10	...
Op High Yield	507.80	534.40	+ 5.00	...
Op Managed	697.90	734.70	+20.40	...
Op Deposit	369.90	389.40	+ 0.30	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Extra Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Inc Gth	270.00	290.60	+ 3.10	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	166.90	175.70	+ 4.30	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Natl High	...	...	...	...
Prop Shs	...	...	...	...
Managed Gth	219.60	231.20	+ 2.40	...
Gilt	75.30	79.30	+ 0.60	...
Amer (35.34)	...	...	...	...
British	321.10	338.00	+ 3.60	...
Intl Fixed Int	109.60	115.40	+ 0.70	...
Global (35.34)	151.50	159.50	- 2.30	...
Gold Share	46.90	49.40	+ 1.60	...
High Income	255.40	268.90	+ 3.80	...
Income	372.50	392.20	+ 6.50	...
Japan	298.10	313.80	+ 7.50	...
UK Smlr Cos	261.20	275.00	+ 5.10	...
Mngd Growth	386.30	406.70	+ 3.10	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE *New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS.* 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	823.70	871.60	+ 9.80	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	330.20	347.80	+ 3.90	...
Equity Fund	463.70	488.10	+ 7.80	...
Property Fund	243.30	256.10	- 3.00	...
International	372.40	391.90	+ 4.00	...
Pacific Basin	198.30	208.80	+ 2.30	...
United States	218.70	230.20	+ 3.50	...
Gilt Fund	318.50	335.20	+ 2.90	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	636.50	674.00	+ 6.00	...
Deposit Fund (3)	345.30	365.70	+ 0.50	...
Gilt Fund	462.10	489.10	+ 6.80	...
Global Equity Fd	185.50	196.80	+ 2.10	...
Property Fund (40)	88.90	94.10	- 0.20	...
AG Bond Fund	134.80	142.80	+ 1.40	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow. 041 248 2323				
Equity	482.40	507.80	+ 6.30	...
Fixed Interest	318.50	335.20	+ 3.90	...
Index-Linked	177.40	186.80	+ 3.10	...
International	348.60	367.00	+ 7.20	...
Property	240.60	253.30	+ 2.60	...
Cash	216.20	227.60	+ 0.30	...
Managed	378.80	398.60	+ 5.70	...
Cap Gteed Bd	96.80	101.90	- 0.20	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF. *031 556 9101*				
Cash	169.96	178.90	+ 0.16	...
Index-Linked	144.80	152.40	+ 2.30	...
Fixed Interest	163.90	172.50	+ 2.60	...
Mixed	208.20	219.20	+ 2.40	...
UK Equity	207.10	218.00	+ 0.10	...
International	201.90	212.50	+ 1.30	...
American	229.50	241.60	+ 3.70	...
Japan	188.40	198.30	+ 6.60	...
European	202.00	212.60	- 0.20	...
Pacific	260.90	274.60	+ 5.70	...
Technology	284.20	299.20	+ 2.00	...
Currncy/Currncy	208.80	219.80	+ 3.90	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE. 031 225 2211				
Property	176.00	185.30	+ 0.10	...
UK Equity	308.40	324.70	+ 2.70	...
American	231.40	243.70	+ 4.40	...
Pacific	252.20	265.60	+ 7.60	...
European	378.40	398.40	+ 3.20	...
International	251.70	265.00	+ 4.50	...
Fixed Interest	219.40	231.00	+ 2.70	...
Index Linked	183.60	193.30	+ 2.70	...
Deposit	181.70	191.40	+ 0.20	...
Managed	242.90	255.80	+ 2.90	...
Worldwide	103.10	108.60	- 0.80	...
Pen Worldwide	106.50	112.20	+ 0.90	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1397.9	1441.2	...	...
Safety Fund	207.90	218.90	+ 1.40	...
Growth Fund	198.50	209.00	+ 2.10	...
Opportunity Fd	197.70	208.20	+ 2.30	...
Cash Fund	164.20	172.90	+ 0.20	...
European Fund	285.00	300.00	+ 1.90	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	175.80	185.10	+ 2.00	...
Index-Linked Fd	163.90	172.60	+ 2.10	...
International Fd	240.90	253.60	+ 4.50	...
North American	222.60	234.40	+ 3.60	...
Property Fund	113.50	119.50	+ 0.10	...
UK Equity	213.20	224.50	+ 1.70	...
UK Smaller	182.30	191.90	+ 3.20	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 556 9181				
Mixed	221.40	233.30	+ 3.50	...
Equity	235.60	248.10	+ 4.10	...
International	225.30	237.20	+ 3.90	...
Property	192.00	202.20	+ 0.10	...
Fixed Interest	205.20	216.10	+ 1.90	...
Index Linked	164.70	173.40	+ 2.60	...
Cash	176.50	185.90	+ 0.10	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU. 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	801.50	801.50	...	...
Inv Pol 2	735.10	773.90	...	...
Inv Pol 3	708.70	746.10	...	...
Inv Cash	291.90	307.40	...	...
Mixed Fund	390.20	410.90	+ 3.80	...
Equity Fund	465.30	489.80	+ 3.20	...
Property Fund	206.70	217.70	- 0.20	...
International Fd	391.50	412.20	+ 5.20	...
Fixed Interest Fd	331.10	348.60	+ 3.70	...
Indexed Stock Fd	180.50	190.10	+ 2.40	...
Cash Fund	213.80	225.10	+ 0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX. 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	309.00	325.20	+ 5.00	...
Equity Acc	361.80	380.80	+ 7.20	...
International Acc	278.50	293.10	+ 4.50	...
Property	209.40	220.40	+ 0.30	...
Royal Trust Mg	203.00	213.60	+ 2.60	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 031 225 2552				
Cash	253.20	266.60	+ 0.20	...
Equity	861.50	906.90	+ 6.60	...
European	134.30	141.40	+ 1.40	...
Far East	123.70	130.30	+ 3.40	...
Fixed Interest	356.00	374.80	+ 3.60	...
Index Linked	188.00	197.90	+ 2.30	...
International	495.50	521.60	+ 9.30	...
Managed	595.50	626.90	+ 6.00	...
Nth American	143.60	151.20	+ 2.70	...
Property	304.60	320.70	...	...
Pensions				
Cash	386.80	407.20	+ 0.40	...
Equity	1200.5	1263.7	+10.40	...
European	157.10	165.40	+ 1.70	...
Far East	93.00	97.90	+ 1.20	...
Fixed Interest	469.80	494.60	+ 5.30	...
Index Linked	259.70	273.40	+ 3.20	...
International	670.50	705.80	+14.10	...
Managed	805.70	848.20	+ 9.10	...
Nth American	175.40	184.70	+ 3.40	...
Property	366.60	385.90	- 0.10	...
Stock Exchange	182.10	191.70	+ 2.10	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	546.00	574.80	+ 6.00	...
Equity Fund	741.20	780.30	+ 5.40	...
Fixed Interest Fd	378.00	397.60	+ 4.60	...
Index-Linked Fd	280.10	294.90	+ 4.40	...
Property Fund	406.50	427.90	- 0.20	...
International Fd	512.60	539.60	+ 8.40	...
N American Fd	206.40	217.30	- 4.80	...
Far East Fund	160.40	168.90	+ 2.40	...
Deposit Fund	276.30	290.90	+ 0.20	...
International Bd	£65.61	...	+ 0.18	...
Worldwide Bond	150.40	158.40	+ 2.60	...
Worldwide Pfncl	78.00	82.20	...	...
Worldwide Tech	92.60	97.50	...	...
European	126.70	133.40	+ 1.00	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	536.10	564.40	+13.70	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	375.50	400.30	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£469.50	...	+ 0.40	...
-do- Acc	£435.40	...	+ 0.20	...
Agricultural Fd	£746.60	...	+ 0.70	...
-do- Acc	£717.60	...	+ 0.60	...
Abbey Nat Fd	£373.10	...	+ 0.30	...
Abbey Nat Acc	£396.70	...	+ 0.30	...
Investment Fd	£288.20	...	+ 0.30	...
Investment (A)	£277.30	...	+ 3.00	...
Equity	£1068.7	...	+ 2.80	...
Equity Acc	£1027.7	...	+ 7.40	...
Money Fund	£436.90	...	+ 7.20	...
-do- Acc	£419.30	...	+ 0.50	...
Actuarial Fd	£496.90	...	+ 0.40	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	£352.10	...	+ 4.30	...
-do- Acc	£352.10	...	+ 4.10	...
Retire Annuity	£976.70	...	+ 4.10	...
Immed Annuity	£293.00	...	- 8.00	...
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SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	£1230.9	...	+39.00	...
Managed Acc	£709.00	...	+ 4.90	...
Equity Account	£1010.9	...	+ 5.80	...
Mngd Fund Acc	329.40	346.70	+ 2.00	...
Equity Fund Acc	446.40	469.90	+ 2.70	...
Prop Fund Acc	225.50	237.40	- 0.30	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	269.30	283.50	+ 1.60	...
Money Fund Acc	207.50	218.40	+ 0.40	...
Indx-Lnk Sec Ac	187.90	197.80	+ 1.10	...
Pens Pens Acc	£1542.6	...	+16.40	...
Pens Mngd Acc	717.50	755.20	+ 8.00	...
Pens Guarantee	215.20	226.60	+ 0.40	...
Pens Equity	278.00	293.60	+ 4.50	...
Pens Property	226.70	238.60	- 0.40	...
Pens Fixed Int	239.20	251.80	+ 2.10	...
Pens Intl	186.30	196.10	+ 0.70	...
Pens Money	218.10	229.60	- 0.60	...
Pens Index-Lnkd	175.60	184.90	+ 0.70	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL. 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	743.70	782.90	+ 7.00	...
Property Acc	277.30	291.90	+ 0.80	...
Equity Acc	1223.1	1287.5	+ 9.10	...
Fixed Int Acc	348.90	367.30	+ 4.10	...
Index-Linked Acc	185.50	195.30	+ 2.80	...
Cash Acc	289.30	304.60	+ 0.60	...
Amer Equity Acc	340.30	358.30	+ 3.90	...
Japan Acc	228.60	240.70	+ 5.90	...
Pacific Acc	255.30	268.80	+ 4.00	...
Far Eastern Acc	590.20	621.30	+11.70	...
International Acc	448.60	472.30	+20.30	...
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European	143.00	150.60	+ 1.20	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE. 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	244.60	257.50	+ 2.20	...
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Australian	23.00	24.20	+ 0.90	...
Deposit	236.10	248.60	+ 0.20	...
Residential Prop	89.50	94.30	- 0.10	...
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Fixed Interest	311.50	327.90	+ 2.60	...
Gold	60.40	63.60	+ 4.00	...
Income	340.30	358.30	+11.80	...
International Eqty	364.50	383.70	+13.00	...
Japan	295.10	310.70	+13.20	...
Managed	527.20	555.00	+12.50	...
International Bd	111.50	117.40	+ 6.00	...
Managed Prop	181.70	191.30	+13.80	...
Preference	231.30	243.50	- 8.60	...
Property	251.40	264.70	...	...
World Income	259.20	272.90	+ 7.60	...
TSB European	216.20	227.60	+ 2.50	...

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Critics prompt policy change

LINDSAY COOK
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

Out of the most shameful treatment of an old and frail policyholder has come some good. Discussions have begun between the insurance company concerned and two charities to see if a policy can be designed to cover the specific needs of the elderly.

They started after Weekend Money highlighted the case on January 9 of the refusal by Eagle Star to pay £458.25 for damage caused to the woman's front door by emergency services.

A shareholder in BAT, Eagle Star's parent company, was so incensed at the company's treatment of its elderly policyholder that he took the group to task over its decision. The woman had claimed for repairs to her door after emergency services were forced to break it down to rescue her when she had collapsed. The woman, who is nearly 90, had fitted security locks at the request of her insurer, which made the damage more costly.

Michael Broughton, chairman and chief executive of Eagle Star, in his reply, at first defended the company: "Eagle Star has a responsibility to protect both the interests of its policyholders and shareholders by settling fairly those valid claims which fall within the terms of the policies issued." He added: "Inevitably, I am afraid, this can lead to allegations of an uncaring attitude," but he finally revealed that "as a proactive response to this case", the company had initiated discussions with Age Concern and Help the Aged over whether it can design a policy to cover all reasonable risks for warden-assisted flats.

The marketing department explained that it plans to change the emphasis from insuring things to insuring people and to conduct consumer research. Of course, the company wants to make a virtue of this initiative and is seeking to sell the product with the seal of approval of the two charities. What good guys they will seem then. It is a shame that such a move was not spurred by the needs of the market rather than as a response to bad publicity. However, the widow and her family will be happy that some good has come of her misfortune. That was the only reason her son sought publicity for the case. He did not hope for, and did not get, an *ex gratia* payment for his mother.

Mr Broughton pointed out that additional cover is already available for such events for an extra fee. The difficulty with this argument is that no policyholder could reasonably anticipate a refusal to pay out for such events. They have been encouraged to believe that insurance companies will pay out for the more unusual disasters, let alone everyday emergencies. We must hope the whole industry begins to look at its small print exclusions before the companies individually come under the spotlight of publicity.

Baring teeth

The investment industry may not like it, but one of the regulators is beginning to show its teeth. The launches of two new super, whizz-bang, cannot-lose, investment products have been held up by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation to make sure that nothing is claimed for them that cannot be substantiated.

Almost five years on from the implementation of the Financial Services Act, and in a week when the Securities and Investments Board announced that 26 investment fraudsters were convicted last year, this is a comfort for investors.

Both the investment products plan to use tax breaks to give high guaranteed returns. The first, a guaranteed business expansion scheme for repossessed houses, had a buy-back guarantee, but as regular readers of these columns know, a lot can go wrong with guarantees and tax-free investments.

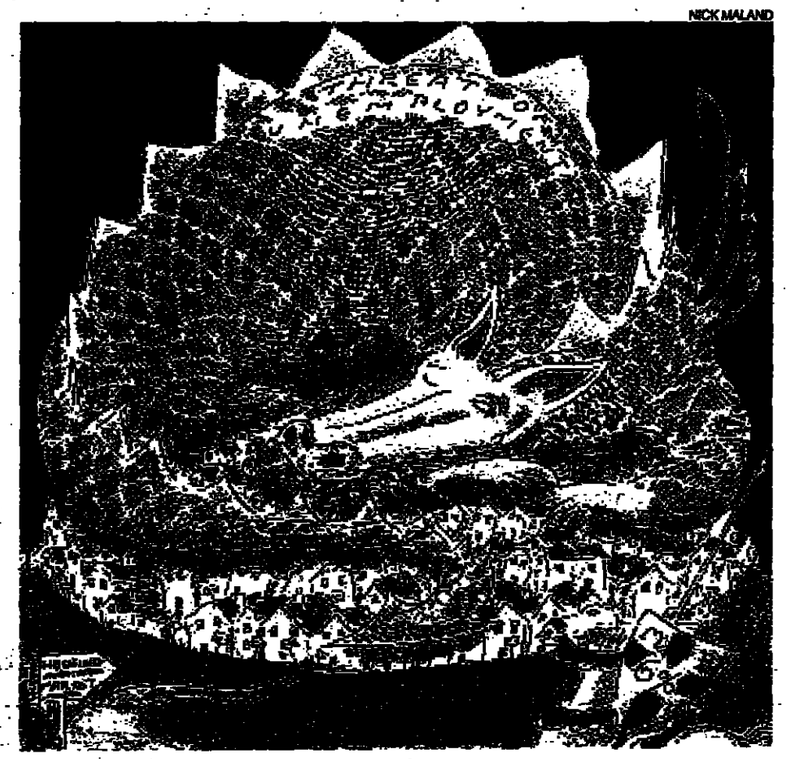
This time last year, the Housing Corporation gave a warning about the danger of guarantees that might not be met. And while the mortgage lenders and everyone else with a vested interest are trying to talk the housing market up, the number of "for sale" boards going up seems still to be outnumbering those taken down. If prices recover, there is no need for guarantees. If they do not, some organisations may not have the money to keep their word.

That money may be ring-fenced now, but it might be possible for the parent company to raid it temporarily if times were bad. The advantage to mortgage lenders of removing repossessed properties from their books at market valuations instead of distressed sales is attractive. Caution must be adopted by investors, whose BES companies may pay over the odds for properties that may continue to fall in value.

It is invariably the case that today's tax wheeze becomes tomorrow's investment disaster. Those investors who piled into insurance policies investing in building society accounts in the early 1980s to get the tax advantage have lost out badly as our story on page 27 shows.

Millions miss out on rate cut

Sara McConnell says that homeowners whose mortgage repayments are calculated annually are discouraged by their lenders from switching schemes



NICK MALAND

MORTGAGE rates fell to their lowest for almost 25 years this week, with the unexpected cut in base rates to 6 per cent. However, millions of customers whose mortgage repayments are calculated annually have missed the boat, as most lenders operating such schemes calculate new payments in December and notify customers in February and March.

Opportunities for switching out of the scheme to take advantage of lower rates are likely to be limited and could be expensive. At least one society charges customers who leave the scheme, but later wish to return to having their payments calculated annually. Lenders discourage borrowers from switching into and out of the annual review scheme when it suits them. They argue that annual review schemes help people to budget by setting payments for a whole year. In times of rapidly rising interest rates, borrowers are shielded from some of the worst effects with their fixed payments, but falling rates leave them paying more until new payments are set. In years when they pay more, some of the outstanding debt is paid off.

> The rate cut was well timed only for Halifax borrowers, whose new payments start on April 1

The Nationwide's 400,000 borrowers on annual review should already have received notice of their new payments, which will take effect from this Monday. They will be based on a rate of 8.55 per cent. For those with the average £50,000 endowment mortgage, this will mean a welcome cut of £104 a month, from £407 to £302. Their payments for the past 12 months have been fixed at 11.5 per cent, which was the variable mortgage rate at the end of 1991. Borrowers wanting to switch out of the annual review system to take advantage of lower rates can do so, but cannot switch back in again until the end of December this year. Switching out of the annual review scheme on to a normal variable rate could leave borrowers exposed if rates rise rather than fall.

Cheltenham & Gloucester borrowers who opt to move out of the annual review scheme, then decide they want to come back in if rates rise, will be charged £25. Of the C&G's 337,000 borrowers, 270,000 are on annual review. Payments for these borrowers were calculated at the end of December, when rates were 8.55 per cent. At the moment, payments are based on 11.5 per cent. Borrowers on annual review with £40,000 mortgages, the average at the C&G, will see their payments drop by about £80 a month on March 1, from £311.45 to £230.20. The society said those on annual review could opt to have lower payments, but the interest on their outstanding mortgage balances would not be recalculated until the end of the year.

National & Provincial borrowers were also caught short by the cut, as their new annual review payments will start from this Monday, based on 8.55 per cent. The society said those who wanted to change their payments to reflect the lower rate would have to negotiate individually with their branches. The rate cut was well timed only for the Halifax's 1.2 million borrowers on annual review, whose new payments start from April 1. The new payment is calculated every year on February 1. On a £60,000 endowment mortgage, this will mean a cut in monthly payments of just over £100.

The Woolwich does not have an annual review scheme but those with repayment loans can choose whether to keep up payments at their present rate or change to a lower rate when they get their mortgage statements in September. The mortgage statement shows them how long it will take to pay off their loans if they keep their payments the same. If a mortgage will take longer than 25 years to pay off, keeping up the present level of payments, the society may recommend that the borrower pay more every month.

However, the society says borrowers should not make larger payments than they are meant to, in the hope that they are paying off some of the outstanding mortgage. Extra payments will not be credited to accounts until the end of the year and will earn no interest in the meantime. A spokeswoman said: "We suggest people should put the money aside in a savings account — preferably one of ours — until they have the £500 which is the minimum lump sum needed to pay off some of the loan. They should then ask to partly redeem their mortgage."

The Woolwich withdrew its ten-year, fixed-rate offer at 9.25 per cent (an annual percentage rate of 9.25 per cent) at the end of last week. It has been replaced with two new offers. One is a five-year loan at 7.8 per cent (APR 8.3 per cent) and the other is fixed for three years at 6.95 per cent (APR 8.1 per cent). The five-year loan has a £275 fee; the three-year one has a £225 fee.

Other lenders have also rushed to bring out some of the lowest fixed rates for several decades, following Tuesday's base rate cut. The Nationwide has a two-year, fixed rate loan for first-time buyers, with the rate set at 5.75 per cent in the first year and 6.75 per cent in the second (APR 8.2 per cent). This is a limited offer, like all fixed rate offers, and is available on an endowment or repayment basis. Borrowers will need a 10 per cent deposit to qualify for the loan, and will have to take out mortgage payment protection cover with the society.

Brian Davis, Nationwide's operations director, said: "Not since 1960 — which is before many would-be first-time buyers were born — have we been able to offer a mortgage rate of below 6 per cent."

Other deals include a two-year fixed rate at 6.99 per cent (APR 8.8 per cent) until March 31, 1995 from Lloyds Bank for first-time buyers. New borrowers, including first-time buyers wanting a fixed rate for three years, can fix payments at 7.95 per cent (APR 8.9 per cent) until March 31, 1996.

New borrowers with Citibank will get a 1.5 per cent discount until January 1994, bringing the rate down to 6.49 per cent.

Agents hope for surge in property

ESTATE agents expect a busy weekend after this week's base rate cut, hoping that signs of an upturn over the past few months will turn into a surge of interest in property (Sara McConnell writes).

John Hansen, national sales director at Abbey National Cornerstone, said business had picked up significantly in the first few weeks of December, and this had continued into January. He said: "We believe the bottom of the market has been reached and a lot of the people coming into our offices are saying the same thing." Cornerstone is running an advertising campaign telling people that it is now cheaper to buy than to rent.

Brian Davis, operations director at the Nationwide, said there had been a large number of viewings at the society's estate agency network. He said: "Prices of houses are pretty near rock bottom and they are a bargain."

The Nationwide's monthly house price index, out next week, is likely to show that house prices remained static or fell only marginally in January. In December, the index showed that price falls that month had slowed to 0.2 per cent. Lenders pointed to the larger than expected levels of mortgage applications in December, revealed last week by the Council of Mortgage Lenders, as further evidence of an upturn in interest. Housing associations spending the £750 million given to them by the Chancellor last autumn, account for some of the recent buying. The government hoped this would help get rid of some of the estimated 17,000 unsold properties clogging the market and preventing its recovery.

Mr Hansen said that 50 per cent of homes bought by housing associations through the Cornerstone network had been new properties, while a further 30 per cent had been homes sold by owners in the normal way rather than as a result of being repossessed.

The number of repossessions slowed in 1992 to about 68,000, down from 75,000 in 1991, according to figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders this week. However, the number of people seriously in arrears rose 28 per cent to more than 352,000 and many of these people could end up having their homes repossessed. Lenders are reluctant to take on more properties, preferring to negotiate lower payments for those in difficulty.

Dr Davis said that only 20 per cent of its repossessions were evictions. The rest were either voluntary, with homeowner and lender coming to a mutual decision that the home must be repossessed, or "abandoned". Some borrowers who could no longer cope with repayments were still abandoning their homes and leaving the keys with the society. However, they were responsible for the property until it was sold, Dr Davis said.

Richard Bolton, chief economist at the Abbey National, believes this week's rate cut alone will not do a lot to ease the problems of these people but that the series of cuts, which have shaved about £100 off an average mortgage payment over the past year, would help. A rise in prices could mean that some of those with mortgages higher than the value of their property at the moment may be able to afford to move, lenders said.

Mr Bolton added: "The biggest single thing anyone could do to stimulate the market is to get all the big companies to agree not to announce any more redundancies." The Cheltenham & Gloucester said: "People aren't worried about their mortgage instalments, they are worried about whether they will get their next pay cheque."

Societies face balancing act

BY LIZ DOLAN

ANXIOUS savers are bracing themselves for another round of interest rate cuts after this week's one point drop in the base rate. Building societies have started announcing cuts of about half a point in mortgage rates, and are now faced with the awkward task of balancing the need to reduce savers' rates with the equally pressing one of retaining customers.

Latest figures indicate that savers are turning increasingly to alternative vehicles such as National Savings and unit trusts or using spare cash to repay debts instead. Building societies report that the inflow of savings last year was the lowest since 1961.

Mark Hemingway, of the Halifax, the country's largest lender, said: "With six savers to every borrower, we are now having to seriously consider protecting the interests of our investors. It was different in 1990 when the mortgage rates went sky high. Then we did all we could to protect borrowers, but now the reverse is true." In common with its competitors, the Halifax has yet to bite the bullet. "We have had no indication as to when the cuts may come through. There is a pressing need to hang on to savers, as our only other option is to go to the money markets for cash."

People with larger balances are likely to suffer less than smaller savers. An amount of £500 attracts 3.56 per cent interest net of tax in the Halifax's instant access account, or 3.86 per cent in the 90-day account. The society's premium extra account, for £10,000 or more, pays 6 per cent net.

The variable rate paid on National Savings income bonds has halved over the past two years, but still stands at 5.25 per cent net. People prepared to lock away their savings for five years receive 5.75 per cent tax-free interest on the 40th issue savings certificates or 3.25 per cent tax free on 6th issue index-linked certificates. National Savings gave warning that these rates are likely to fall after the base rate cut. A spokesman said: "My personal view is that the index-linked certificates are probably the best option. I can't see inflation staying at 2.5 per cent for the next five years."

The Halifax reports a surge since Black Wednesday in the number of people fixing savings rates over one, two and three years, with two the most popular. Rates for a £10,000 investment were reduced immediately after the latest base rate cut and now stand at 4.43 per cent. Even if base rates fall to 5 per cent, few expect them to stay there. And fixing savings rates is no longer such an enticing option.

High rates in Ireland may encourage some investors to investigate the possibility of transferring savings into Irish building society accounts. However, Michael Fingleton, managing director of the Irish Nationwide Building Society, said: "The situation over here is very volatile at the moment. UK investors who convert their savings into Irish pounds will undoubtedly get a much higher rate of return at current levels, but exchange rates are all over the place, and they could easily lose out."

The Irish pound stands at about £1.09 at the moment. The INBS's 30-day notice account pays 11 per cent on balances between Ir£5,000 and Ir£10,000 and 13.25 per cent on Ir£50,000. These rates are paid gross for non-residents. People wishing to avoid volatile exchange rates can open sterling accounts, but these are pegged to British rather than Irish interest rates. The INBS's 30-day sterling account pays only 4 per cent on amounts between £1,000 and £10,000, rising to 5.75 per cent on £50,000.

UK building society savers may decide to transfer to a postal account, which offers higher rates because of minimal overheads. The Norwich and Peterborough pays only 1.87 per cent on £1,000 in its instant access account but 5.25 per cent net on the same amount in its postmaster account. Access is slightly limited as it depends on the vagaries of the postal system, but the society says instructions and cheques are normally received the day after posting.

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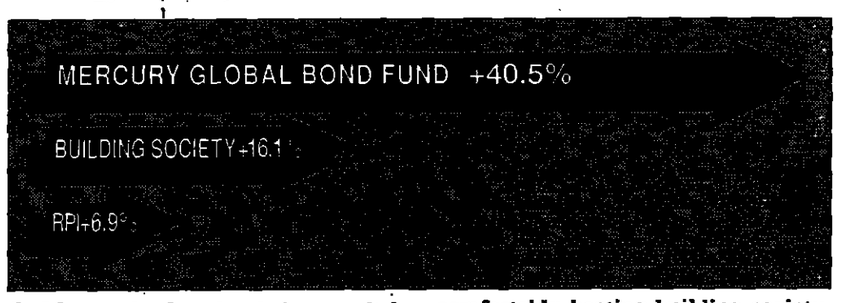

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Portfolio paperwork piles up under power of attorney

By Sara McConnell

THOSE who have given a relative or friend power of attorney to handle their financial affairs may be letting them in for extra paperwork if they are managing portfolios of shares.

Barclays, which acts as registrar for more than 1,000 companies, handling the issue of share certificates and paying dividends, does not keep a list of shareholders who have granted power of attorney to someone else. Every time another share is added to the portfolio of such a shareholder, the bank has to be told there is power of attorney.

Ian Purves, legal adviser at Age Concern, the charity, said there were always a number of people who preferred others to handle their financial affairs, including share portfolios. Giving others power of attorney does not have to be restricted to older people.

Brian Whittingham, a *Weekend Money* reader, discovered Barclays' policy when he started operating under power of attorney for his wife, Janine.

The couple had decided to take advantage of separate taxation for husbands and wives and transfer jointly held shares into Mrs Whittingham's name. Mrs Whittingham, who now works part time as a teacher, pays basic rate tax, while Mr Whittingham used to be a higher rate tax payer before he became semi-retired.

The couple holds shares in about 60 companies. Of these, Barclays acts as registrar for half a dozen, while the administration for the rest is handled by other banks, including National Westminster and Lloyds.

Mr Whittingham complained to Barclays when the bank asked that he produce the power of attorney or a certified copy when asking for a scrip dividend on shares held in his wife's name. He said the bank should already have known that he had power of attorney. He added that Barclays had been "terribly complacent".

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Power struggle: Brian and Janine Whittingham

Alan Morrison, director, Barclays registrars, apologised to Mr Whittingham and told him that, in future, he would only have to tell the registrar of any other holding to which the power had been applied so that this could be noted on the new holding.

However, Mr Whittingham pointed out that both National Westminster and Lloyds registrars have a "library" of shareholders who have granted powers of attorney to others. When new holdings are registered, the library is checked, putting the onus on the bank rather than the shareholder to record the power.

Mr Morrison said: "We have no plans to have a library of powers of attorney. There is simply no demand for it. We have five million shareholders [of companies for which Barclays acts as registrar] and a very small proportion of these have power of attorney, maybe 50 to 100 a week."

He added that a central file of all shareholders with all their details, including whether they have set up a power of attorney, could be developed when Taurus, the paperless back office system was introduced. However, this would have to be paid for by the publicly quoted companies using the system.

National Westminster and Lloyds registrars confirmed they operated a system that registered a power of attorney centrally. NatWest said: "The power of attorney is registered for all companies we act for." Lloyds said: "We maintain a central library for the general powers of attorney in respect of all companies for which Lloyds acts as registrar. Therefore, it will be necessary to lodge Mrs Whittingham's power of attorney only once for notation in respect of all her shareholdings."

Disclosure threat to financial advisers

By Jill Insley

NUMEROUS independent financial advisers could be forced out of business by disclosing the costs of commission in pounds and pence, an affiliation of fee-based brokers said this week.

The meeting of fee-based advisers and insurance company representatives in London said that once the high level of commission paid to brokers on insurance and pensions contracts became apparent, many independent financial advisers would elect to become direct salesmen for the products of one company.

The Office of Fair Trading has been asked to make recommendations on whether transparent disclosure of commission for brokers is necessary. It is expected to report soon and may call for equal disclosure for both independent and tied salesmen.

Fee-based advice is the only true form of independent financial advice because the adviser is not swayed by the commission on offer. But such advice has been traditionally paid by commission and appears to be free to customers, who do not realise how much of their premiums go to commissions. Thus, it is mainly wealthier and more knowledgeable clients who opt for fee-based advice while others pay through commission.

Jim Roberts, general manager of Professional Life, a life office that does not pay commission, said: "While the banks and building societies are there giving financial advice, and the customers believe it is free advice, this problem will continue. Such advice is not free but biased. This message has to be put across."

Ian McKenna, of Blyth McKenna, an independent financial adviser, said advisers should be allowed to show clients true illustrations of how much policy premiums would cost, including and excluding commission. Illustrations are strictly controlled by the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation and are intended to give a benchmark figure of what might be achieved, rather than an individual calculation.

Amex red-faced over fee omission

By Liz Dolan

AMERICAN Express is in danger of converting a simple proof-reading error into a customer relations farce after accidentally misleading Gold Card applicants about the contract terms. An advertisement in *The Sunday Times* last month invited people to apply for the card but did not mention an annual £85 fee.

One successful applicant said: "I noticed that no fee was mentioned when I applied, but assumed it was a special offer for the first year to attract new customers." He said even when he received the card there was no mention of any fee in the accompanying literature. It was not until six days later that he received a bill for £85. "The next day, a nice young lady phoned and asked me if I knew about the fee and how I felt about it. I told her I felt rather disappointed. I said I considered that I had been misled by the original advertisement."

Amex refused to disclose how many of *The Sunday Times'* readers had responded to the advertisement. A spokeswoman said: "We left the price off. It was a mistake. These things happen. We are now trying to get hold of all the people involved and offer them a £50 travel voucher as compensation for any inconvenience caused." She admitted that some people had cancelled the agreement and returned their cards in protest, but claimed "most people have been fairly understanding".

The customer, who has not been offered the £50 voucher, said: "I think they've really mishandled this. They would have done much better to bite the bullet and waive the charges for the first year. That way, they would have retained the goodwill of the type of customer who was pretty likely to spend quite a bit of money."

Abbey to offer own life cover

FROM Monday, Abbey National's 12 million customers arranging life assurance, endowments or pensions through their branch will only be offered policies from Abbey National Life, the bank's new life company (Sara McConnell writes).

The bank bought the business of Scottish Mutual, the life office based in Glasgow, at the beginning of last year for £285 million to form the company. Scottish Mutual will be responsible for investment management, administration and systems but the policies will have the Abbey National Life name.

Until now, customers going through Abbey branches or the bank's Cornerstone estate agency have been offered pensions and life assurance only from Friends Provident. Last year, Abbey announced it was breaking its five-year link with Friends Provident.

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☐ Scottish Mutual will continue to operate as a separate company within the Abbey National Group. This week it announced it would pay benefits as if an extra month's gross contribution had been paid into any new pension taken out before April 30. The offer applies to all plans in the Independence range.

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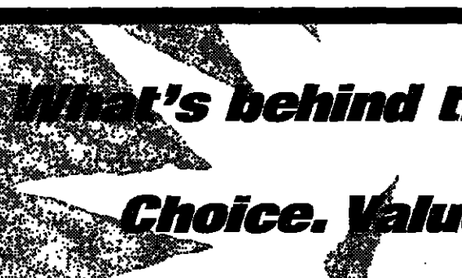

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Lotteries loophole deprives charities

Street collection: a registered fundraiser receives money for the Cancer Research Campaign

By Sara McConnell

MEMBERS of the public are being duped into buying prize draw tickets in the belief they are benefiting charities, when most of the money is going into the pockets of the organisers, charity fundraisers said this week.

The Institute of Charity Fund Raising Managers is campaigning to close a loophole in the national lottery bill, which received its second reading in the House of Commons this week. If the bill goes through unamended, it will not prevent such abuses, Stephen Lee, director of the institute, said.

A growing number of commercial organisations are promoting "games of skill", which people pay to enter in the hope of winning a prize and because they are advertised as being in aid of charity. Advertising the draws as "games of skill" disguises the fact that they are really commercial lotteries, which are still banned. To enter the draw, people have to answer an untaxing question such as "Who lives at 10 Downing Street?" By insisting people take this test of "skill" and billing the draw as being in aid of charity, the organisers are exploiting a loophole in existing legislation.

Only charities are allowed to run lotteries, operating under strict rules about how much they can pay in prize money. Mr Lee said that some commercial organisations made up to £50,000 a month selling tickets for these draws. Most of the money never reached any charity. He said: "The public are being duped. There is no way for the public to know where their money is going and no accountability." Vague promises made by the competition promoters that "net profit will be donated to charity" meant nothing. Mr Lee said, as it was impossible to know how much they had raised. As long as they gave 1p in every £1 raised to a charity, they would not fall foul of the existing law.

Advertising draws as 'games of skill' disguises that they are commercial lotteries, which are still banned

Such competitions can also avoid falling foul of the Charities Act 1992. This act will introduce stricter rules for charity fundraisers from April this year. However, prize draws will only be regulated under the act if they specify the name of a charity in whose name they are meant to be collecting. Many commercial promoters hide behind vague descriptions and so will not be caught. The Charities Act was passed to try and stamp out abuse by people claiming they were raising money for a charity, which only received a small part of the money raised and, in most cases, was not even aware it was being collected. Anyone buying a ticket in a prize draw supposedly run by a charity in aid of a charity should check that the name of a registered promoter is on the ticket, that it is numbered and that there is a date for the prize draw.

Adrian Randall, finance director of the Cancer Research Campaign, one of Britain's largest charities, said: "We have suffered from fake fundraisers and have been bitten." Very few charities had not had some experience of this, he said. "There are a number of events where it says 'all proceeds to charity' but these are a rip off. If we get £40, we don't know how much was raised in the first place."

After April, nobody will be able to raise funds without having written consent from the charity concerned. From September this year, charities will need a permit from a local authority or borough to make house-to-house collections. They risk prosecution if they do not have a permit.

Slump squeezes trusts' finances

CHARITABLE trusts are being swamped with requests for grants by small and medium-sized charities suffering from the effects of recession. But trusts cannot respond because falling interest rates and the property slump have hit their investments (Sara McConnell writes).

The thirteenth edition of the *Directory of Grant Making Trusts*, published this week by the Charities Aid Foundation, lists more than 2,500 charitable trusts. These have normally been endowed by individuals or companies and give grants for specific purposes, either to charities or individuals. Most trusts listed have income of less than £500,000; 327 have income of £5,000 or less. Trusts spell out restrictions on which charities or individuals may qualify for grants but still find they receive inappropriate applications.

Michael Brophy, director of the Charities Aid Foundation, said charities' income had fallen by £1 billion a year since its peak in the late 1980s. Charity fundraisers said much of the fall-off had been in charitable donations from companies. Local authorities had also cut funding, in some cases by 100 per cent, leaving smaller charities struggling. House-to-house collections, by contrast, had held up well. Instances of fraud among fund raisers had not helped.

Peter Hunt, comptroller of the Skinners' Company, which is trustee of several charitable trusts, said: "We are always being approached by people asking for help from one of our charities but in many cases there is no point in applying." The Skinners' Company runs several trusts for "distressed gentlefolk", including the Sir Thomas Devitt's endowment fund, which pays "annuities to poor ladies in reduced circumstances or who for other reasons of hardship deserve consideration". This trust has five or six beneficiaries and cannot pay out any more until one of the present beneficiaries dies.

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Equities still have the edge on gilts

For those who are prepared to take a risk and have patience, shares remain a good long-term bet, Margaret Dibben reports

LOWER interest rates on bank and building society accounts in the coming weeks will persuade many savers to withdraw their money and look for more rewarding investments. Gilts have been strongly recommended by advisers recently, as they appear to offer security and a better return.

Not everyone wants to take the risks involved in buying equity investments, especially older people who need extra income, and they may turn to gilts. However, there is again a debate about whether shares or gilts are the more profitable long-term investment. The 38th edition of the *BZW Equity-Gilt Study*, published this week by Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the stockbroker, compares the merits of shares and gilts and looks at prospects for property. It concludes that shares will continue to do better than gilts, though not by as much as they have done because dividends and inflation will be lower.

Over the next few years, *Michael Hughes, managing* director of BZW's economics and strategy division, expects shares to return about 6.5 per cent a year and gilts 3.5 per cent. Historically, inflation-adjusted returns from shares have been 7.3 per cent and those from gilts, 1.16 per cent.

The choice for small investors is not straightforward, because individual circumstances influence their needs. Mr Hughes says: "If your sole consideration is maximum return, making no allowance for risk, you should be 100 per cent in equities, because investors do get paid for taking equity risks over long periods."

Beyond that, how much people put into bonds or cash depends on whether they need income, the degree of risk they are prepared to take and what they think will happen to inflation.

Martin Wooller, director of fixed interest at Fidelity, says: "*For the investor who needs a* predictable income and low market volatility, bonds will *remain an entirely appropri*ate investment."

Gilts protect investors against expected inflation but not against unforeseen inflation, which has been a problem since the late 1960s. Mr Hughes concedes: "If you are confident that inflation will be between 3 and 6 per cent for the next ten years, you can be happy enough with gilts. But if there is a series of inflation shocks, gilts will not provide any protection . . . If income is vital, it is a comfort getting a fixed income of 4 per cent above the rate of inflation with index-linked gilts for the next four or five years. But if you are *really looking for growth*, you need equities."

Graham Cox, group economist with *Sun Life*, believes there is a strong argument for index-linked gilts, especially for high-rate taxpayers. Though inflation is low now, it requires little inflation for *investors* to benefit. "With an index-linked gilt maturing in eight years' time," Mr Cox says, "non-taxpayers are better off in index-linked if inflation is no higher than 4.6 per cent in any of those years. For a basic rate taxpayer, the cut-off point is inflation of 2.8 per cent and for a higher rate taxpayer, no more than 1.7 per cent."

Overall, the choice between equities and gilts is narrower than it used to be.

*Howard Flight, joint man*aging director of Guinness Flight, the bond specialist, says: "*Lower interest rates are* good for equities as well as bonds, so prudent investors *should split their money* about 50-50. On the equity front, they should be prepared to *wait for the economy to* recover."

Mr Hughes recommends a way *to spread the risk*: lock into interest rates by buying six gilts, each paying interest in *different months*, and then use the cash flow to buy a regular-saving equity investment.

However, he says, now is not the right time to buy houses purely for investment. "If investors believe UK inflation can remain below 6 per cent, they should be confident about real returns from equities and should expect these to exceed house price appreciation in most years." Only when inflation is above 6 per cent will house prices rise faster than the return from shares.

"Equity risk is rewarded": Michael Hughes of BZW

Professionals go deeper into shares

Consumers are still in no hurry: Martin Fox of Pearl

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

THE confidence of professional investors has soared since September, according to Minet Consultancy Services. Institutions are now more fully invested in the equity market than at any time since the crash in 1987.

The confidence index, published by Minet this week, shows that institutions now have only 3 per cent of their investments in cash.

The index is based on the average percentage of funds held in cash by 12 of the largest managed or mixed funds available to personal pension and retirement annuity policyholders. These totalled £11.5 billion. The lowest cash holding was Abbey *Life's* £1.2 billion managed fund with only 0.9 per cent in cash. This contrasts with Legal & General's £782 million fund with 5.8 per cent. The largest change in the last three months of last year was Sun Alliance, which came *down from 9 per cent in cash* to 1.1 per cent. Target Life more than halved its cash *from 10.4 per cent to 4.1 per* cent.

The average overseas equity *holding was 23 per cent. This* was boosted by Abbey Life and Target Life, which both had 31.8 per cent invested. Bonds typically accounted for 10 per cent, leaving 4 per cent in property and index-linked securities.

This contrasts with personal investors who have bank and building society deposits in excess of £350 billion, despite the halving of interest rates since October 1990. This means that a switch of 5 per cent of personal sector savings into UK shares would inject £17 billion into the market.

The Pearl investor confidence index, also published this week, shows that despite the recent improvement in confidence in the stock market, personal investors showed a slight decline overall in their *intentions to invest*. The index, based on a monthly survey of 2,000 respondents, has risen 3.9 points between the second week of December and the second week of January. This represents an increase of 16 points since last August when it was at its all-time low. Shares were *likely to be* bought by 17 per cent of those questioned in *the next year and tax-exempt* special savings accounts were under consideration by 16 per *cent*.

Institutions are *more fully invested* in equities than at any time since the crash in 1987

Martin Fox, general manager, marketing, at Pearl, said: "*These figures cannot be* said to reveal the beginning of the long awaited consumer-led *recovery. Nevertheless*, they do show that in spite of the increasing optimism demonstrated by the business and investment community, consumers are in no great hurry to increase their savings and investments in the expectation of continued economic hardship."

Lautro issues state pensions guide

ALMOST half a million people in their late thirties and early forties should be contacted over the next few months by the company that sold them their contracted-out personal pensions. As the 2 per cent additional incentive will be discontinued from April 6, people in this age group who are contracted out of the state earnings-related pension scheme will be better off moving back into it (Lindsay Cook writes).

This may not be in the interests of the salesmen who sold the personal pensions, so the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation this week issued guidelines for the industry on how it should act in the best interests of policyholders.

Lautro says companies should take particular account of the age and sex of the investor. The Institute of Fiscal Studies, for example, suggests that men over 45 and women over 37 should contract back into the state scheme from their personal pensions.

Originally it had been expected that 750,000 would need to move back into the state scheme but the additional 1 per cent rebate for the over-30s gives them 5.8 per cent of earnings in the National Insurance band instead of 4.8 per cent, making opting out attractive for a little longer. IFS assumed a real investment return of 3.5 per cent a year after inflation.

The low paid are particularly vulnerable if they stay out of the state scheme for too long. Lautro is therefore asking members to review the cases of those people most likely to be affected. "It is considered particularly important to draw to the attention of the lower paid that the withdrawal of the 2 per cent incentive will have a significant impact on the contribution to their personal pension. This is because there was previously a minimum contribution from the government of £1 a week, regardless of earnings," says the regulator.

When personal pensions were launched, there was a *tremendous stampede to sign* up employees for contracted-out personal pensions. Because of the money offered from the government, the policies were easy to sell as they cost nothing. It was a bonanza for the life companies after the 1987 stock market crash, which dented investor confidence.

Now the salesmen should *start to look at the loss of* SERPS benefits, career prospects of clients, their tax position and the existing pension provision, when helping them to decide whether to move *back into the state scheme*.

In its enforcement bulletin on the subject, Lautro says: "*It is clearly essential, prior to* company representatives making a recommendation, *for a careful analysis to be* undertaken which compares the benefits to be gained from *a personal pension with what* may be given up by leaving SERPS."

The regulator will check companies are following the guidelines when it carries out inspection visits.

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☐ Martin Currie Unit Trusts is introducing a 2 per cent discount on Pep investments for applications received by March 26. Pep investors can mix and match qualifying and *non-qualifying funds in the* plan.

☐ The Principality building society has a two-year bond paying gross interest of 8.8 per cent, 6.6 per cent net, on balances of £50,000 and over. Balances of between £10,000 and £19,999 will earn 7.8 per cent gross, 5.85 per cent net. Savers must maintain a minimum balance of £10,000.

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Taxpayers face further loss as savings rates are cut

Lindsay Cook looks at a Revenue practice that could eat into some savers' interest earnings

THE news of further cuts in savings rates may cause more grief to some taxpayers who will receive larger tax demands than their income warrants. Because of the way the tax system works, those taxpayers who receive interest gross, then settle the tax on the accounts later, will be charged tax on what the Inland Revenue believes they have received in 1992-3, but this is likely to be much more than their savings have earned.

Those affected are people whose income is above their tax threshold but who choose to earn interest gross in an offshore bank or building society account, in a gross-paid National Savings account or on sums of more than £50,000 in a money market account at a bank or building society.

Because interest is not usually paid neatly at the end of the tax year, the Revenue estimates how much interest was received. This is usually based on the previous year's figure. Because savings rates have fallen dramatically, the tax bills for 1992-3 will be based on the much higher interest rates of 1991-2 and be for too much unless savers close their accounts before the end of the tax year.

David Rothenberg, of Blick Rothenberg, the accountant, has warned clients that they need to act to avoid paying too much tax. He said: "Gross interest is usually assessed for income on a previous year's basis, so that the 1992-3 tax assessment for a continuing source of interest will be based on the gross interest received in 1991-2, when interest rates were much higher."

If they close their accounts on or before April 5, savers will have their tax assessment for this year adjusted to the actual interest during that tax year. However, Mr Rothenberg added: "A side effect will be that the Revenue will also review the tax assessment for 1991-2. If the interest received during that year was greater than the interest assessed for tax, the excess will become chargeable."

This means that savers will benefit if the reduction for the second year is greater than the excess for the first. Because interest rates have come down consistently, this is likely to be the case with most savers, although moving from one account to another during the year could have increased the actual interest credited to an account during the year.

If they close their accounts before the end of the tax year, the Revenue will have an actual interest figure to base the tax bill on. A saver who paid tax on £6,000 in the year ended April 5, 1991-2, could receive a bill for tax at 25 per cent or 40 per cent on £7,200 for the current year if the account remains open. This would mean they paid tax on £13,200 over the two years. If the account were closed, it is possible the interest for the first year would be increased to £7,200 and the tax would be levied on an additional £1,200. But because rates have fallen so far this tax year, the income for the current year would be only £4,200, or £3,000 less than the assessment that would otherwise be charged. This gives a tax saving of £450 at basic rate or £720 if all the savings are in the higher rate band.

Those with savings in notice accounts could, however, be caught out if there is not enough time to give notice to avoid a penalty on their accounts. Sixty-day notice accounts and less have enough time but those with money in 90-day accounts are likely to lose 90 days' interest if they close by April 5 as there are only 65 days to go. This could be more than the tax saving.

The Revenue said that when interest rates were rising, savers benefited from being taxed on a preceding-year basis. It was only when they fell dramatically that it was possible to save tax in this way.

Blow to long-term investments

BY SARA MCCONNELL

THE danger of making an investment because it offers a tax break could be brought home to thousands of investors this year. Falling building society rates have hit investors who took out savings plans devised to make the most of tax breaks on life assurance premiums ten years ago. Some have found they cannot afford to continue paying the premiums because there is no money left in funds set aside for this purpose. Others may face similar problems this year as base rates continue to fall.

Life offices sold various plans designed to take advantage of tax relief on life assurance premiums before this was abolished in 1984. Most of these involved taking out two life policies and using the proceeds from a lump sum invested in one to fund regular premiums paid into another. If the policies were held for four years and a day, the tax authorities would not claw back any of the tax relief allowed on contributions.

Some plans were deposit accounts linked to building society rates. Thousands of these plans were sold in the years immediately before abolition of tax relief on life assurance premiums. Investors in the City of Westminster Building Society Plus Plan were told that a minimum lump sum of £2,500 could be put into a guaranteed bond, earning interest like a building society account. In 1983, the bond was paying 9.35 per cent a year, based on an average rate of 7.25 per cent plus a bonus of 2.1 per cent. The rate was based on the building society ordinary share account rate, the lowest paying savings account.

This bond was used to fund premiums to a building society-linked savings plan, paying 8.25 per cent at the end of 1983. Sales literature stated investors received tax relief on contributions to the life policies at the then rate of 17.65 per cent. It did not say that, in the first five years, only 94 per cent of the premium from the bond went into the policy, with the rest going in charges and expenses. In the next five years, 98 per cent of the premium was invested.

Brochures promised returns of up to 49 per cent more than a building society account. Only in the small print was it made clear that the figures assumed building society and tax relief rates would stay the same for ten years. Chris Watson, head of administration at the City of Westminster, said these plans were sold before the Financial Services Act was enforced, so there were no regulations governing the use of figures in illustrations as there are now. Rates on the guaranteed fund have now more than halved to 5.79 per cent, including bonus.

Alan Smith from Harrogate, North Yorkshire, invested the minimum £2,500 in the plan at the beginning of 1984. He opted to take income from the plan, which eroded his capital, but expected this to be covered by the growth in value of the bond. He took a total of £1,043 over nine years.

This year, he was told the remaining money in the fund fell £73.18 short of paying the final premium of £176.20. He has the option of paying the last premium himself to receive the proceeds on maturity. If he does not pay the balance, he stands to lose just over £100 of his final maturity value. With the payment, he would get £3,870; without it he would receive £3,685. This figure assumes a standard growth rate of 7.5 per cent, but this is not guaranteed. If he surrenders both the bond and policy this year without paying any more, he would receive only £3,500, assuming the same growth rate.

If he had put the money in a Halifax 90-Day Xtra account at the beginning of 1983 and left it for ten years, he would have a total £5,992.18.

The sales literature warns only that rate changes "may affect the amount of the lump sum at the end of the ten years or on earlier encashment".

Mr Watson said: "It could have been better brought to his attention that rates could fall. But in those days there wasn't a great big notice saying 'be careful'."

The indexed rise for calculating the indexation allowance on assets disposed of in DECEMBER 1992.

Month purchased	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
January	—	0.685	0.603	0.526	0.446	0.392
February	—	0.678	0.596	0.514	0.441	0.386
March	0.752	0.675	0.591	0.500	0.439	0.384
April	0.718	0.652	0.570	0.489	0.425	0.367
May	0.705	0.645	0.565	0.462	0.423	0.366
June	0.701	0.641	0.561	0.459	0.423	0.366
July	0.700	0.632	0.562	0.462	0.427	0.367
August	0.700	0.625	0.548	0.458	0.423	0.363
September	0.701	0.618	0.545	0.459	0.416	0.359
October	0.692	0.612	0.535	0.456	0.414	0.353
November	0.684	0.606	0.531	0.451	0.402	0.348
December	0.687	0.602	0.532	0.449	0.397	0.348
		1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
January		0.348	0.254	0.165	0.069	0.027
February		0.342	0.245	0.158	0.063	0.021
March		0.337	0.240	0.147	0.059	0.018
April		0.316	0.218	0.113	0.046	0.003
May		0.311	0.210	0.103	0.043	Nil
June		0.306	0.206	0.099	0.038	Nil
July		0.305	0.205	0.098	0.040	0.003
August		0.290	0.202	0.087	0.038	0.002
September		0.284	0.194	0.077	0.034	Nil
October		0.271	0.185	0.068	0.030	Nil
November		0.265	0.175	0.071	0.027	Nil
December		0.262	0.172	0.072	0.026	—

The RI month for disposals by individuals on or after April 6, 1985 (April 1, 1985 for companies) is the month in which the allowable expenditure was incurred, or March 1982 where the expenditure was incurred before that month.

NATIONAL & Provincial building society has launched two Tessa accounts, one with a fixed rate. The Guaranteed Tessa will pay 7.5 per cent fixed for the full five years of the account. The society's variable-rate Tessa pays 8.25 per cent if the maximum is invested every year and 7.75 per cent on all other deposits. N&P has also launched the Fixed Reserve Options account. Investors can fix their rate until September 1993, 1994 or 1995 at levels of between 5.75 per cent and 7 per cent gross, 4.31 per cent and 5.25 per cent net. Minimum investment is £100 and the maximum is £1 million.

☐ Guaranteed equity bonds are on offer from the Bristol & West and the National & Provincial. The Bristol & West bond is a five-year investment whose return is linked to the return on the FT-SE 100 index over the period. If the index rises by 25 per cent during the term, this is locked in as a minimum return. The same "lock-in" applies to a FT-SE 100 rise of 50 per cent. The minimum investment is £5,000 and investors are not allowed access to their money over the term. The offer closes on April 2. Savers opening a National & Provincial Guaranteed Equity Reserve Account by February 15 will get an extra 2 per cent gross.

☐ Whitechurch Securities, the financial adviser, is offering to rebate its 1 per cent commission to investors taking out a Providence Capital building society bond and holding it for a year. The bond invests in the top ten building societies and is paying 5.65 per cent net. This does not take into account the latest rate cut. Minimum investment is £10,000.

☐ A booklet, *Your guide to Making or Changing Your Will*, has been revised. The new version contains a separate Record of Personal Assets, with space to list the whereabouts of important information on finances and other matters. A free information pack is available from the Legacy Department, Help the Aged, St. James's Walk, London EC1R 0BE. Fewer than a third of adults have made a will and of those who have, one in six admits it is already out of date, according to a survey carried out by Mintel, the market analyst. Inertia is the biggest reason for not making a will, with only one in 20 not doing so because they do not want to think about it.

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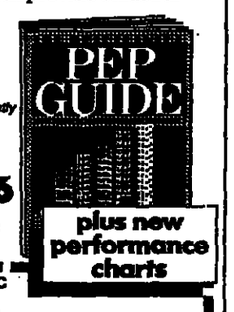

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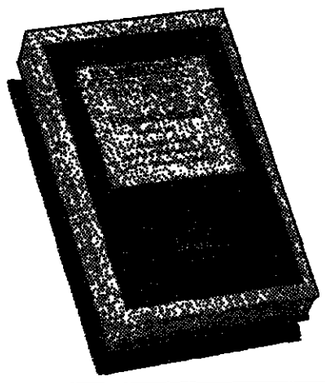

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Mystery of selective credit card customer care

From Dr Walter C. Allwright

Sir, Am I alone in my puzzlement that the credit card centre in Southend should bombard me with urgent advice that I contact them immediately if I should lose or mislay my Visa card, yet seem totally indifferent to my complaint concerning the legitimate use of my card?

In October last during a brief journey through the UK, I presented my Visa card for payment at the Argos store in Bath. After a machine and telephone check by the cashier I was informed that the card "was not accepted".

"Why not?" "Sorry, such information is never given to us."

The sum involved was £200; my limit is £2,000; my expenditures since the last billing and full payment were not in excess of £400; monthly payment to the Southend credit card centre is made by direct bank debit; I have never defaulted on a monthly settlement nor delayed payment. My letters written in October and December last requesting an explanation for this embarrassing episode have not been answered. Perhaps an apology would embarrass them!...

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Sharing a mortgage

From Ms Stephanie Bradley

Sir, Your Q&A on January 9 advised two brothers that one of the brothers who took over the whole of their previously joint mortgage would only get mortgage interest relief on £15,000 of the loan unless the loan was rearranged.

I am afraid this is not right, and I thought it would be worth writing to set the record straight. The two unmarried sharers buying their home are entitled to a sharer's limit of £15,000 each on a joint loan. That is the qualifying maximum of £30,000 divided by two.

However, if one of them leaves the property, the one who remains is not sharing with anyone and he (or she) will usually be entitled to relief up to the qualifying maximum of £30,000, provided he is paying all the interest himself. He does not have to remove the name of the brother who has left from the loan agreement, still less buy out his brother's share of the property.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHANIE BRADLEY,
Press Secretary,
Inland Revenue,
6th Floor,
North West Wing,
Bush House,
Aldwych,
WC2.

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Guest appearance of unsigned chits

From Mr Eric J. Wise

Sir, Lucy Baruch (Weekend Money, January 16) warned that the credit card companies may not question a credit card voucher whose total has been altered following signature by the customer. My experience is that the card issuers will happily process vouchers that have been neither signed nor agreed.

On checking out of a large *North of England hotel* at eight o'clock on a Monday morning I spent half an hour attempting to settle the amount due with a receptionist possibly newly arrived from Fawlty Towers.

With the minutes ticking away and a train to catch, I asked for the account to be sent to my home address.

No bill arrived but instead I was horrified to discover that my next statement from Midland Visa featured three debits in the name of the hotel. Seemingly they had obtained my card details from a previous transaction and had cashed a series of unsigned vouchers without reference to me.

Some months later the hotel admitted it had made an error, refunded the amount overcharged and offered free accommodation and a slap-up meal. Meanwhile, Midland Visa had refused to become involved, citing some agreement between the credit card companies and the hotel trade.

This may afford a safeguard against guests intent on fraud, but offers scant protection to the card user.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC J. WISE,
27 Halsall Lane,
Formby,
Liverpool,
Merseyside.

Verify premiums for home cover

From Mr K.A. Yeomans

Sir, It may be appropriate at this time of the year to advise those like myself, who are considering the savings that might be made by moving their house insurance to another company that they should verify that premiums quoted to them will be maintained for the next 12 months. My own case last year was unfortunate.

When my annual premium came due for renewal in March I was informed at my building society that a new comprehensive scheme had been introduced that could have advantage.

On further investigation the premium of £23.40 a month was comparable with the new £279.78 annual premium of my existing policy and the new scheme was then duly accepted.

The change was regretted about two months later, however, when I was informed that since the insurers had delayed making their normal February annual adjustment until July then from that date my monthly premium would increase to £33.21.

This would have meant that my change would result in an increase in premiums of more than £90 in a 12-month period.

Although this has been reduced by accepting increases in my voluntary excess values my insurance is still costing me £45 more than it need have done.

No blame can be attached to the manager of my local building society since he was unaware of the delayed declaration of annual adjustment to premiums but I am naturally now seeking alternative cover — with verification of firmness of rates quoted over a 12-month period.

As in all negotiations, *caveat emptor*, in particular these days in all aspects of matters of finance.

Yours faithfully,
K.A. YEOMANS,
306 Uxbridge Road,
Rickmansworth,
Hertfordshire.

Shedding light on pensions payments

From Mr G.T. Warrington

Sir, I do hope that on my demise my executors will ignore Mrs J. Bolingbroke's letter (January 23). I too receive four-weekly payments from the DHSS, but these are paid in arrears, not in advance as indicated by Mrs Bolingbroke. It is the weekly recipient who is paid in advance.

Unless I bid my final farewells on a pension payment date, I expect my executors to submit a claim on the DHSS, not make a repayment!

Yours faithfully,
G.T. WARRINGTON,
6 Lower Byfield,
Monds Eleigh,
Ipswich, Suffolk.

From Mr R.B. Francis

Sir, In Mrs Bolingbroke's letter (January 23) it is twice stated that four-weekly pension payments are in advance. Surely this is not the case?

My wife was 60 on December 30 and her first pension payment covering five weeks was made on February 2 of the following year. Payments thereafter were and are at four-weekly intervals. These payments therefore are in arrears as are three-monthly pension payments. Only weekly pensions can be described as in advance and even these are usually at the end of the week rather than the beginning. Or have the rules changed since 1989?

Yours faithfully,
R. B. FRANCIS,
9 Lime Grove,
Doddinghurst,
Brentwood,
Essex.

Peps reflect underlying investment

From Mr Julian G. Tregoning

Sir, I write in reply to Mrs Hilary Cowell's letter about Pep investment returns (*Weekend Money*, January 16).

First, I confirm that the comments attributed to my colleague, Mr Ken Emery, were correct and they applied to an actual client of Save & Prosper who had invested in our discretionary managed portfolio (of currently 14 shares) we were not making use of statistics for promotional purposes. So that your readers are in no doubt about them I am happy to confirm that the client who invested the maximum at the beginning of each Pep contribution year had contributed £31,644 (including our low initial charges and value-added tax) to his plan. The client had instructed us to reinvest his income so at December 31, 1992, his plan was valued at £43,969. This figure included all charges to that date.

The tax-free gain, therefore, was £12,325. At Save & Prosper we believe investors should take a medium to long-term view of all their equity investments and we would suggest that five years would be a suitable minimum timescale over which to invest.

Peps are no different and will simply reflect the underlying investments — indeed our literature gives the warning: "The value of investments within a Pep, and any income from them, can go down as well as up and you may not get back the full amount you invested."

Sadly, Mrs Cowell held her Pep with Save & Prosper for just over twenty months. I am glad to know that she has retained a Pep and thus will benefit from keeping her investments tax-free despite her disparaging comments about Peps.

With Schroder she of course will continue to bear the same sorts of charges we at Save & Prosper levy on our unit trusts (in which her Pep was invested).

Turning to the wider point Mrs Cowell made about charges, I do believe that this subject is not appreciated by investors. When buying units in a unit trust, investors pay an initial charge and an annual charge. These vary a little from management company to management company, but I think I am right in saying that very few Pep plan managers now levy any extra charges for investment in a unit trust via a Pep. Certainly Save & Prosper does not.

The issue, therefore, comes down to the tax benefits. These will depend on the savings of income tax and capital gains tax made over the life of the investment.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN G. TREGONING,
Director,
Save & Prosper Group Ltd,
1 Finsbury Avenue,
EC2.

INTEREST RATES SURVEY

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	4.13	4.13	3.30	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.98	3.98	3.18	25,000-59,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	3.47	3.47	2.78	25,000-no max	1 mth	Local Bnch
"	3.70	3.70	2.96	25,000-no max	6 mth	Local Bnch
Midland	4.06	4.06	3.25	10,000-no max	1 mth	0742 528655
" "	4.06	4.06	3.25	10,000-no max	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	3.84	3.84	3.07	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" "	3.86	3.86	2.88	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	3.48	3.54	2.83	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	2.63	2.66	2.13	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Bank	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	071 928 6543
Citibank	5.40	5.54	4.43	2,000‡	none	0800 555884
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	2.05	2.05	1.65	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
NatWest Special Reserve	1.13	1.13	0.90	500‡	none	0800 200 400
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	1.50	1.51	1.21	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	2.05	2.05	1.65	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Northern Rock	6.23	6.23	4.98	10,000 min	Postal	——
Northern Rock	6.40	6.40	5.13	20,000 min	Postal	——
Northern Rock	5.29	5.29	4.23	40,000 min	30 day	——
Alliance & Lest	6.15	6.15	4.92	50,000 min	90 day	——
Leeds Permnt	5.93	5.93	4.74	100,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Northern Rock	6.40	6.40	5.13	20,000 min	Postal	——
Nottingham	5.85	5.85	4.68	50,000 min	30 day	——
Marsden	6.38	6.38	5.10	50,000 min	60 day	——
Scarborough	6.75	6.75	5.40	50,000 min	90 day	——
Furness	6.00	6.00	4.80	50,000 min	1 year	——
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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c†	3.75	2.81	2.25	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	6.25	4.69	3.75	5-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	7.00	5.25	4.20	2,000-50,000	3 mth	0253 66151
6th Index Linkd†*	3.25	3.25	3.25	100-5,000	6 day	091-386 4900
40th Issue Cert*	5.75	5.75	5.75	100-5,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	5.75	5.75	5.75	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85			
Gas Bd Retnt	3.75	3.75	3.75			
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-100,000	8 days	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Prosperity	5.90	5.90	5.02	25,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Prosperity	5.55	5.55	4.72	25,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Prosperity	6.50	6.50	5.53	25,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Consolid Life	6.20	6.20	5.27	2,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
Lauractian Life	6.60	6.60	5.61	50,000 min	5 yrs	for details

RATES		HOLIDAY RATES	£ buys
RPI (Dec 91-92)	+2.6%	Spanish Pesetas:	164.50
Bank Base Rate	6%	French Francs:	7.84
Personal Loan	29%	Greek Drachmas:	378.00
Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2185.00

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Allied Trust	9.49	£9,284.70	£25+2mths notice	£9,000	071 2839**
National Cmtc	8.75	£9,262.50	90 days loss invst	£3,000	0372 742211
West Bromwich	8.70	£9,261.00	£25+1mths notice	£150	021 5267070
Tipton & Coly	8.65	£9,259.50	£20+7days notice	£1	021 5572661
Manchester	8.65	£9,258.50		£50	061 8349485

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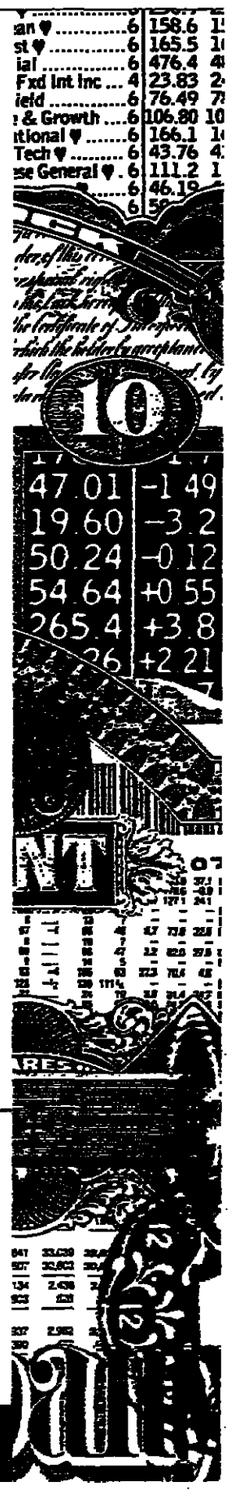

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8	Quarto	Paper,Print	
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24	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Disc	
25	Transfer Tech	Industrial	
26	Warburg SG	Banks,Disc	
27	First Tech	Electrical	
28	Lloyds	Banks,Disc	
29	Adscene	Newspapr,Pub	
30	BICC	Electrical	
31	Brown (N)	Drapery,Strs	
32	Powerscreen	Industrial	
33	Cook (Wm)	Industrial	
34	CRA	Mining	
35	Hutch Whamp	Business Serv	
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75	19	McCarthy & S	25	...	0.5	6.1	...
450	181	Meyer Int	302	+2	16.5	7.3	31.1
14	4	Miklin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
171	52	Mowlem (J)	66	+1	10.5	...	...
78	18	NSM	76	...	...	...	...
165	90	Newman Tnks	102†	...	...	9.9	...
327	148	Persimmon	225	...	8.6	5.1	12.5
36	19	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	...
1825	1150	Pochins	1475	...	39.0	3.7	8.9
185	66	Prowting	84	...	3.4	5.4	...
23	3¾	Quiligotti	5	...	...	...	...
669	393	RMC Gp	575	+9	28.0	4.6	21.4
137	67	Raine Ind	108	-2	6.0	7.4	18.1
56	25	Rams	30	...	...	...	...
565	300	Redland	451	-3	25.0	7.4	28.2
101	61	Reebel	72	...	4.3	8.0	9.6
248	152	Rugby Group	208	-10	6.4	4.1	15.7
98	50	Sharpe & Fisher	74	...	4.0	7.2	...
135	70	Sheffield Ins	135	+2	5.4	5.3	34.0
85	33	Sherriff Hldgs	85	...	...	3.1	12.7
85	33	Shorco	68	...	...	10.2	10.5
372	188	Smart (J)	222	...	8.5	5.1	20.1
161	51	Tarmac	130	-1	8.5	6.7	45.5
236	129	Tay Homes	170	-1	5.8	4.6	9.4
143	34	Taylor Woodrw	74½	-3½	9.5	...	32.5
688	398	Tilbury Dougls	489	...	33.0	9.0	16.1
228	105	Travis Perkins	175	-1	8.0	6.1	24.7
58	20	Try Group	31	...	6.0	...	4.2
38	28	Tudor	28	...	...	...	...
106	45	Vibroplant	60	...	3.6	8.0	11.0
55	12	Ward Hldgs	25	...	0.5	...	...
43	23	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	285	Watts Blake	470	+15	9.3	2.6	24.4
19	9	Wescol	9	...	...	...	...
129	45	Westbury	105	+1	...	6.1	...
18	5	West Scaffold	5	...	...	...	...
22	2	Wiggins	5	...	...	...	...
481	215	Wilson Bowden	393	...	9.7	3.0	20.2
221	96	Wilson (C)	155	+1	3.9	3.4	24.6
189	65	Wimpey G	120	+7	...	5.4	49.6
81	26	YRM	29	...	4.0	18.4	3.3

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
533	343	ADT	475	...	...	...	...
248	195	Adams & Harvey	218	...	11.0	6.7	3.4
127	53	Air London	72	...	...	6.5	8.9
63	34	African Lakes	37	...	2.0	7.3	7.4
152	81	Aunt Sec	132	...	4.9	4.9	10.7
208	80	BET Ord	99	...	...	8.6	14.5
100	41	BNB Res	64	+4	4.9	10.2	7.5
319	208	BPP	318	...	6.9	2.9	12.0
285	178	Barbour Index	271†	-4	7.2	3.6	20.1
240	111	Brit Data Mgt	210	...	...	2.5	17.5
108	58	Brooks Service	58	...	4.0	...	18.5
142	72	CRT Gp	100	...	2.4	3.2	11.5
437	262	Capita Group	434	...	5.4	1.7	24.9
259	180	Chubb Sec	232	-6	...	1.5	27.4
123	48	Dart	61	+1	3.3	7.2	6.9
216	145	Davis Service	198	...	7.9	5.4	15.0
348	163	Hays	242	-3	4.6	2.5	23.8
251	167½	Hogg Robinsn	214	...	6.3	3.9	16.1
576	395	Inchcape	568	+3	12.5	2.9	26.1
763	561	Johnson Clean	768	+3	25.7	4.5	15.9
244	168	Mitie Gp	238	-5	2.7	1.6	19.5
992	682	Manpower	904	...	...	...	...
398	68	Prudential Alex?	108	+4	19.5	24.1	2.3
453	355	RCO	422	+1	12.8	4.5	...
240	180	Rolfe & Nolan	240	...	6.2	3.4	16.1
369	234	Salvesen (C)	360	+2	7.0	2.5	20.4
768	555	Serco Gp	735	...	11.9	2.1	34.2
360	270	Warner Howrd	341	...	5.9	2.3	19.3
19½	7¾	Wills Gp	19½	+1½	0.1	0.7	25.0

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
260	162	Allied Colloids	242	...	3.9	2.1	19.2
689	433	Amersham	686	-1	12.5	2.4	25.4
9025	7362½	BASF DM	8862½	+50	...	8.4	...
260	201	BTP	246	...	8.8	4.8	18.0
£112	9050	Bayer DM50	£111¼	+3¼	...	4.8	...
530	418	Br Bio-Tech	518	+3	...	...	...
616	371	Courtaulds	557	-12	13.0	3.1	15.1
£105	7537½	Hoechst	£105	...	...	7.1	...
1410	975	ICI	1133	-3	55.0	6.5	27.3
660	434	Laporte	640	+3	18.9	3.9	17.2
1700	1100	Norsk Hydro	1700	+162½	...	1.9	...
273	214	Yule Catto	271	...	5.4	2.7	16.5

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
382	63	Alexon	65	+1	...	6.2	3.5
306	190	Argos Plc	284	-4	6.4	2.9	20.4
371	133	Body Shop	141	...	1.6	1.5	16.3
342	260	Brown (N)	342	+7	6.0	2.3	21.2
330	126	Cantors	138	...	...	2.6	18.3
2425	1800	GUS	2425	...	40.0	2.2	19.2
1728	1319	-do- 'A'	1573	-7	40.0	2.4	12.4
675	405	Liberty	675	...	...	...	...
373	162	Lloyds Chem	284	-5	5.5	2.6	11.1
348	268	Marks Spencer	314	-5	7.1	3.0	19.1
474	319	Menzies (John)	461	+2	10.0	2.3	16.4
222	110	Oriflame Intl	215†	...	...	5.6	14.0
523	367	Smith WH 'A'	416	-9	13.4	4.3	14.5

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
444	273	East Midlands	401†	-11	17.1	5.7	7.7
459	266	Eastern Elec	430†	-6	16.7	5.4	10.2
263	143	Hydro-Elec	247	-4	10.1	4.3	11.1
465	286	London Elec	422	-17	16.8	5.3	8.1
513	324	Manweb	476	-10	18.2	5.1	6.9
483	287	Midlands Elec	440†	-18	17.2	5.2	9.2
490	295	Northern Elec	459†	-11	18.5	5.4	6.8
494	298	Norweb	457†	-17	17.7	5.2	8.6
267	142	Scottish Power	224†	-1	10.1	4.6	10.9
475	297	Seeboard	450	-8	17.2	5.1	8.1
530	313	Sth Wales	480	-12	19.4	5.4	7.6
474	293	Sth Western	445†	-7	17.4	5.2	8.0
457	270	Southern Elec	417½	-17½	16.6	5.3	8.3
511	331	Yorkshire Elec	469	-11	17.7	5.0	8.7
310½	188	National Powr	293½	-10½	9.1	4.1	9.7
312	196	PowerGen	296†	-14	9.2	4.2	9.3

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
58	28	Aitken Hume	50	...	0.5	...	35.8
124	23	Baltic Plc	45	...	4.3	...	3.9
453	259	Caledonia	438	+1	14.4	4.4	16.8
1950	1050	Camellia	1200	...	27.0	3.0	10.1
173	103	Goven	173	+7	...	8.0	5.0
135	97	Ivory Sime	129	+1	...	6.5	13.7
330	120	S & U	305	...	...	3.6	11.0
863	575	Sotheby's	825	...	...	4.6	...
93	73	STP Capital	89	...	3.0	4.5	16.1

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1662½	1043¾	Amer Express	1487½	-21¼	...	...	...
233	149	Electra	205	+2	6.7	4.3	28.1
893	535	Henderson Ad	890	+2	41.0	6.1	19.6
225	121	Jardine Strat	185	...	...	3.6	9.0
439	244	MAM	429	+2	11.5	3.6	17.1
683	460	M & G	683	+9	20.0	3.9	18.2
133	81	Smith New Crt	131	+1	4.5	4.6	5.2

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	362	AB Food	479†	-6	14.0	3.9	11.0
69	22½	ASDA Group	67	-1	...	3.3	17.1
432	273	Argyll	392	-9	9.7	3.3	15.4
480	312	Booker	420	-1	21.7	6.9	12.8
497	412	Cadbury-Schw	464	-4	12.5	3.6	17.1
435	275	Dalgety	305	-5	6.0	2.6	13.7
440	249	Geest	419	-1	7.9	2.5	15.9
672	412	Iceland Frozen	647	-3	8.5	1.8	17.3
827	514	Kwik Save	809	-14	16.0	2.6	16.9
515	318	Nichols (JN)	498	+13	12.3	3.3	14.2
582	337	Sainsbury J	575	-4	8.7	2.0	21.4
256	194½	Tesco	259	-8	6.3	3.2	12.1
440	222	Utd Biscuits	366	-1	15.3	5.6	12.7
357	205	Watson & Phil	334†	+1	13.3	5.3	17.4

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
262	112	Forte	184	-2	9.9	7.2	...
240	94	Friendly Hotels	159	-14	5.5	4.6	12.8
267	126	Ladbroke	197	-2	11.1	7.5	16.3
750	420	Savoy Hotel 'A'	718	-2	7.0	1.3	...

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
103	45	AB Elect	66	...	4.5	3.6	16.5
197	128	ACT Group	168	...	...	3.5	18.7
410	299	Admiral	420	...	4.8	1.6	18.6
373	207	BICC	366	+3	19.2	7.0	21.3
523	314	Bick	523	+18	9.2	2.4	20.1
4575	1180	Borland	1400	...	...	...	...
419½	305	BT	407	-2½	14.4	4.7	14.8
731	489	Cable Wireless	701	-4	13.2	2.5	21.6
1015	750	Dracke	948†	...	...	1.3	23.1
290½	183	GEC	290	-6	9.6	4.4	15.3
453	348	Racal? (Hosiyns Gp)	453	...	2.4	0.7	...

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
198	135	AAF Inds	186	...	...	5.4	9.8
616	460	AAH	562	-16	16.3	3.9	17.8
203	122	ADM	146	-1	6.5	6.0	9.0
458	253	Airsprung	457	...	7.5	2.1	13.0
458	358	Alumasc	455	...	11.0	3.2	13.9
522	300	Avon Rubber	522	+6	16.5	4.2	...
417	49	BM Gp	55	+5	5.0	12.1	2.3
774	583	BOC	735	-3	23.2	4.2	16.1
422	296	BSS Group	406	+2	...	5.7	16.2
561	381	BTR	552	-6	16.5	4.0	19.4
650	444	Bearpak?	650†	...	9.0	1.8	20.3

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
337	172	Airtours	294	-4	7.3	3.3	10.4
243	145	Anglia TV	199	-1	...	5.3	18.0
1175	795	Boosey Hwks	1125	...	20.0	2.4	18.0
818	468	Carlton Comm	774	-3	...	3.0	22.3
1793	1050	Central TV	1793	+30	30.5	2.3	23.0
581	405	Compass Gp	581	+11	12.3	2.9	16.3
1693	673	Euro Disney	805	+5	...	1.5	...
345	250	GWR Gp	345	+3	...	3.7	...
319	220	LWT CP	319	+2	5.9	2.5	15.5
377	260	Man Utd	371	...	18.0	6.5	12.8
460	202½	Scot TV	460	...	...	2.3	29.6
294	154	Ulster TV	294	...	7.5	3.4	20.4
191½	110	Yorkshire TV	135	+2	12.0	12.7	...
136	80	Zetters Gp	108	...	8.0	10.3	10.5

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4112½	1800	Am Gold	2862½	+125	...	9.6	10.2
2237½	1000	Ang Am Coal	1150	+50	...	8.0	4.9
2275	1012½	Ang Am	1450	+87½	...	5.3	9.0
631	457	CRA	568	+5	...	3.1	...
1662½	581¼	De Beers	950	-6¼	...	...	7.8
1491	606	GFSA	848	+38	...	5.3	12.0
906	559	Minorco	906	+32	...	3.8	11.7
1201	598	Orange Free	873	+63	...	10.1	6.9
688	469	RTZ	663	-5	19.5	3.9	20.0
4000	1500	Vaal Reefs	2287½	+150	...	11.1	...
2375	587½	Western Deep	750	+50	...	9.5	...

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
400	228	Abbey Panels	233	...	0.1	0.1	18.1
379	100	Br Aerospace	253	+18	25.0	...	5.4
378	303	Caffyns	328	...	11.5	4.7	43.7
263	163	FR Group	263	+12	6.6	3.4	12.6
3162½	1500	Ford Motor	3087½	-25	...	...	...
735	465	Honda Motor	718	-22	...	0.8	...
176	89	Rolls-Royce	126½	+1½	7.2	7.6	21.0

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
120	73	Adscene	118	+5	4.0	4.5	17.6
578	398	Blenheim Gp	557	-1	9.0	2.2	20.9
8000	5800	Daily Mail	7887½	...	13.0	2.2	17.8
943	553	Euromoney Pb	943	+5	29.5	4.2	...
1371	509½	News Corp	1319	...	...	0.3	...
726	258	News Intl	721	+5	3.9	0.7	13.5
815	565	Thomson Corp	735	+20	25.2	4.6	12.4
537	323	Utd Nwspaprs	518	-10	21.0	5.4	17.8

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
295	203	British Gas	284	-1½	...	6.3	13.1
304	182	Br Petroleum	245½	+8	...	5.7	41.1
741	460	Burmah Castrl	680	-5	24.0	4.7	15.6
246	164	Calor Gp	236	+1	12.0	6.8	15.5
487	297	Enterprise	440	+7	15.7	4.8	31.3
430	308	Ranger	313	...	...	1.5	...
5637½	4162½	Royal Dutch Pl	5500	+12½	...	5.3	15.9

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Automagic	12	...	...	...	...
99	42	Headlam	96	...	2.4	3.3	38.0
428	265	Lambert	300	...	12.5	4.3	10.2
111	63	Pittard Garnar	88	...	1.5	2.3	11.7
41	18	Strong & Fisher	23	...	1.0	5.8	6.4
193	88	Stylo	148	...	2.5	2.3	...

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
455	362	Allied Text	453	...	12.6	3.8	...
73	47	Beckman (A)	61	...	4.7	10.4	12.1
574	364	Courtauld Text	551	-4	13.0	3.1	16.2
312	198	Tomkinsons	291	+1	11.5	5.3	25.1
320	160	Yorklyde	313	-2	9.7	4.2	14.6

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1010	608	BAT	961	-14	33.6	4.7	25.4
669	480	Rothmans 'B'	610	-2	10.2	2.2	13.9

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	211	Assoc Br Ports	378	-3	8.0	2.8	...
816	531	BAA	771	-9	14.5	2.5	13.6
315	219	Br Airways	278	+½	10.1	4.9	7.4
555	396½	P & O Dfd	536	-11	30.5	7.6	18.4
494	267	Powell Duffryn	491	+6	22.6	6.1	19.7
478	214	Tiphook	353	-9	17.3	6.5	7.0
307	206	TDG	279	-1	9.5	4.5	16.7

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
502	308½	Anglian Water	467	-7	19.3	5.5	8.5
591	336	Northumbrian	558	-8	20.5	4.9	5.8
513	323	North West	469	+2	19.6	5.6	8.2
479	298	Severn Trent	457	-1	19.3	5.6	6.7
495	301	Sthrn Water	461	-4	19.5	5.6	8.1
1300	670	Sth Staffs	1266	...	40.2	4.2	8.2
524	306	South West	489	-1	21.7	5.9	7.4
518	334	Thames Water	479	-2	19.2	5.3	9.1
540	337	Welsh Water	512	-4	21.4	5.6	5.9
596	358½	Wessex Water	555†	+4	...	4.7	7.5
547	336	Yorkshire W	517	-5	19.5	5.0	8.4

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Mastertrust	105.20	112.50	+1.90	1.67
International	76.85	81.75	+1.23	1.35
Dividend Gth	54.60	58.08†	+1.55	5.17
Global Gth Sec	59.05	62.81	+0.38	3.17
Ethical Growth	62.65	66.64	+1.32	2.80
High Inc Equity	144.90	154.10†	+4.40	5.52
Worldwide Bond	257.10	272.50	+2.90	4.59
Gilts Fixed Int	128.80	136.60†	+1.30	6.95
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ. 0224 633070. Dealing: 0800 833580. 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ. 071 374 6881				
Amer Inc Gth	42.16	44.51	+0.90	1.90
European	74.77	79.28	+0.59	...
European Inc	75.35	79.90	+0.61	1.68
Exempt	879.80	906.90†	+6.70	3.38
Extra Inc	40.72	44.26†	+0.76	5.66
P East Emerg Ec	73.68	79.39	-0.41	0.81
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL. 0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	362.80	387.80	+7.40	4.40
Equity Inc	200.30	214.10†	+3.10	4.92
High Yield	223.50	238.90	+3.90	4.35
Balanced	612.40	654.60	+6.90	2.88
American Inc	45.71	48.86†	+1.13	3.48
Wld Asset Val	35.70	38.16	+0.78	2.02
Japan	133.60	142.20†	+5.80	0.01
Secs of Am	413.90	440.60	+11.90	0.35
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	302.00	321.30	+2.60	3.07
-do- Inc	216.40	230.30	+1.90	3.07
Higher Inc Acc	535.10	569.30	+10.20	4.31
-do- Inc	330.10	351.20	+6.30	4.31
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	171.10	180.70	+1.90	6.67
-do- Inc	92.19	97.36	+1.01	6.67
Nth America	264.30	281.20	-1.90	...
Far East	242.80	258.30	+10.10	0.29
Europe	208.10	221.40	+7.50	1.26
General Inc	406.60	432.60	+3.90	2.75
-do- Acc	442.70	471.00	+4.20	2.75
Brit Excell	62.40	66.39	+1.10	3.12
Brit Fndmtls Inc	63.92	68.00	+1.95	5.22
Brit Fndmtls Acc	81.43	86.63	+2.49	5.22
Global Opps	66.06	70.28	+2.16	0.07
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544				
Capital	104.60	111.80	-1.40	3.34
Euro Gth Inc	107.20	113.50	-1.00	1.28
Extra Inc	100.70	107.70	-2.40	5.57
General	231.40	247.50	-3.80	3.49
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.02	59.00	+0.53	8.81
Income	449.90	481.20†	+10.90	5.04
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9002				
American Gth	92.06	97.79	+1.30	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	120.80	129.20	-0.80	...
Australia	...	...	...	...
Convertibles	50.11	53.59†	-0.94	7.60
Eastern	163.40	176.00	-3.30	1.70
Equity Income	74.90	79.68	+1.17	6.70
European Gth	212.30	225.90	+1.30	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	144.90	155.20	-3.20	2.00
Exempt	79.02	81.22†	+1.19	3.90
German Growth	50.71	54.13	-0.14	0.80
Global Growth	102.60	109.70	+1.30	...
Japan Growth	149.00	159.70	+5.00	...
Japan Sunrise	124.30	132.60	+2.90	...
Portfolio	112.10	120.00	+1.80	3.40
-do- Acc	198.00	212.10	+3.10	3.40
UK Growth	72.42	77.04	-1.66	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	72.71	77.76	+2.21	2.00
Select Managers	59.95	64.16	+0.80	2.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	99.42	106.33	+1.16	2.39
-do- Inc	91.06	97.39	+1.07	2.39
Global Bond	28.45	30.19	+0.49	5.78
High Yield Acc	49.60	53.05	+0.80	4.52
-do- Inc	36.35	38.88†	+0.58	4.52
Smllr Cos Acc	81.08	86.72	+4.36	1.81
-do- Inc	74.98	80.20	+4.03	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	56.21	60.12	+1.72	0.29
-do- Inc	53.16	59.00†	+1.68	0.29
Euro Gth Acc	91.85	98.24	+1.22	1.78
-do- Inc	91.01	97.34	+1.21	1.78
Mngd P folio	32.79	35.07	+0.77	1.54
Pacific Growth	82.27	87.99	+1.10	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	81.07	86.70	+2.29	1.09
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	107.40	114.40	+3.80	3.88
Smaller Cos Acc	251.90	268.30	+6.80	...
Smaller Cos Inc	147.50	157.10	+3.90	1.47
High Inc	70.39	75.33	+1.93	7.33
Income	121.70	130.20	+5.70	4.46
Mngd P folio Inc	87.66	93.36	+1.62	2.23
-do- Acc	164.10	174.80	+3.00	...
North American	106.50	113.40†	+1.00	0.19
Orient	94.36	101.50	+2.04	...
Recovery	34.75	37.36	+1.16	3.16
German	39.68	42.54	+1.52	0.09
Intl Growth	31.77	33.84	+0.11	0.23
European Inc	21.53	23.18	+0.09	0.49
Conv General	18.90	20.20	+0.64	8.25
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
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-do- Acc	68.31	72.68	+1.39	1.45
Income Fund 5	203.60	216.70	+3.10	4.13
-do- Acc	463.10	492.70	+7.20	4.13
Inv Portfolio	64.97	67.33	+0.75	2.33
-do- Acc	72.78	75.42	+0.84	2.33
Smaller Cos	110.60	117.70†	+3.80	2.28
-do- Acc	132.90	141.40	+4.50	2.28
High Inc P folio	57.23	59.31	+0.91	4.96
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SE Asia	74.55	79.73	+0.12	1.17
Growth	43.20	46.20†	+0.42	3.09
Income	50.70	54.23†	+1.23	4.39
Far East	38.96	41.67	+0.40	0.36
North American	83.29	89.56	+0.31	0.01
Global	79.10	84.60	-0.20	0.66
European	62.84	67.24	-0.02	1.39
Japan	81.54	87.21	+1.99	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	56.65	60.03	+0.82	7.41
UK Cap Gwth	74.85	80.27	+0.37	2.37

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Capability Trusts				
American Gen	128.60	136.90	+2.40	0.06
-do- Acc	136.80	145.60	+2.60	0.06
European	63.50	67.30	+0.64	1.12
-do- Acc	65.81	69.75	+0.66	1.12
Far East Gen	45.81	48.74	+1.93	...
-do- Acc	45.81	48.74	+1.93	...
Glenfriars	230.90	245.70	+5.10	1.38
-do- Acc	259.40	276.00	+5.70	1.38
Growth	363.30	388.60	+4.50	2.62
-do- Acc	617.80	660.80	+7.60	2.62
Income Growth	354.10	376.80†	+5.80	4.21
-do- Acc	470.40	500.50	+7.70	4.21
Master Portfolio	9079.0	9384.0†	+125.0	2.93
-do- Acc	10475.0	10827.0	+145.0	2.93
Special Sits	82.79	88.08†	+0.89	2.59
-do- Acc	96.89	103.08	+1.04	2.59
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1142.0	1178.0	+18.00	4.74
-do- Acc	1323.0	1364.0	+21.00	4.74
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Euro Gth	75.92	80.87†	+0.99	1.94
Far East Growth	75.28	80.30†	+2.20	0.53
Global Bond	22.52	23.73†	+0.44	6.69
Hong Kong	65.31	69.70	-1.17	0.72
Income	482.50	514.90	+7.40	4.44
Intl Growth	68.68	73.29	+2.48	1.18
Japan Growth	196.40	209.60	+11.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	24.82	26.48	+1.10	...
Japan Index	58.24	62.15	+3.37	0.33
Nth American	413.60	441.40	+12.70	1.02
S pore Mly Gth	48.14	51.37	+1.34	...
The Footsie Fd	104.30	110.10†	+0.80	2.90
Tiger Index	129.30	137.90	+0.60	1.03
Trixie Index	97.08	103.00	+2.50	3.10
UK Index	117.70	125.60†	+1.20	3.43
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	81.45	86.88	+2.66	1.00
European P folio	68.06	72.53	+0.67	1.38
Japanese P folio	46.74	49.66	+1.46	...
Pacific P folio	83.50	89.79	+1.45	2.43
Cazenove P folio	65.90	70.49†	+0.99	3.00
UK Income Gth	60.06	64.40	+0.97	5.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	582.50	586.60	...	5.08
Fixed Int	151.95	152.70	...	9.50
Deposit	6.80	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	573.11	578.96	...	5.16
-do- Acc	2209.5	2215.6	...	...
Deposit	8.70	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.00	124.28	...	9.33
-do- Acc	159.85	160.17	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	59.11	62.06	-1.37	2.22
Beckman Intl	76.80	81.07	-1.58	4.93
Friars Hse Inc	169.43	181.29†	+2.84	6.79
Friars Hse Cap	236.15	252.68	-0.27	3.06
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	105.60	112.34	+2.39	...
European Gth	88.02	93.64	-0.23	1.49
Far East Gth	87.77	93.37	+1.78	0.46
Japan Gth Acc	31.53	33.54	+1.15	...
Managed	58.45	62.18	+0.72	3.13
-do- Acc	70.59	75.10	+0.89	3.13
Mthly Inc Plus	45.88	48.81	+0.45	8.98
Smaller Cos	31.45	33.46	+1.10	2.20
-do- Acc	34.61	36.82	+1.20	2.20
UK General	65.94	70.15†	+0.44	2.85
-do- Acc	79.06	84.11	+0.54	2.85
Wwide Bd	62.02	65.98	+0.96	5.86
-do- Acc	77.72	82.68	+1.20	5.86
Wwide Sp Sits	50.38	53.88†	+0.94	0.37
-do- Acc	52.37	56.01	+0.97	0.37
Quilter General	119.50	127.13	+1.54	2.57
-do- Acc	131.53	139.93	+1.70	2.57
Quilter Income	88.15	93.78†	+2.58	4.22
-do- Acc	108.63	115.56	+3.18	4.22
Quilter Intl	116.23	123.65	+1.44	0.55
-do- Acc	117.83	125.35	+1.45	0.55
Quilter UK Spec	67.39	71.69	+1.55	2.59
-do- Acc	89.16	94.85	+2.05	2.59
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	94.51	100.54	+2.74	1.98
Fixed Conv	39.67	42.20	+0.56	8.28
-do- Acc	101.74	108.23	+1.44	8.28
Equity Inc	137.85	146.65	+3.83	4.17
-do- Acc	435.16	462.94	+12.27	4.17
High Yield	112.22	119.38†	+3.10	5.36
-do- Acc	420.02	446.83	+11.64	5.36
Preference	45.55	48.46†	+0.54	8.20
-do- Acc	230.45	245.16	+2.74	8.20
PPT Europe	140.34	149.30	+0.58	0.79
PPT Global Bnd	79.59	84.67	+0.94	4.61
PPT Gold Com	44.69	47.54	+2.27	...
PPT Thai	55.14	58.66	+0.22	...
PPT Hong Kong	86.13	91.63	-2.15	0.72
PPT Japan	86.79	92.33	+3.54	...
PPT N Amer	145.18	154.45	+3.02	...
PPT S'pore Mly	94.06	100.06	+2.55	...
PPT UK	111.84	118.98	+0.75	1.58
PPT Cash	90.79	90.79	+0.09	4.44
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	69.01	73.41	-0.04	1.08
Japanese Acc	44.76	47.62	+1.74	...
UK Balncd Inc	119.80	127.40†	+0.80	2.63
UK Growth Acc	139.80	148.70†	+1.00	2.63
UK High Inc	127.50	135.60	+2.40	7.01
-do- Acc	150.50	160.10	+2.80	7.01
N America Acc	111.90	119.00	+1.70	0.33
European Acc	142.30	151.40	+1.90	0.46
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.41	63.05†	-0.04	8.96
-do- Acc	95.88	101.80†	+1.30	8.96
Intl Sp Sits Acc	43.43	46.20	+1.00	0.25
Environmntl Opp	69.33	73.76	+0.36	1.50
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	107.70	114.40	+5.30	...
UK Smlr Cos	171.10	181.80	+4.40	1.38
Eurofund	35.76	37.80†	+0.29	1.06
Mngd Exempt	159.10	165.90	+2.90	3.16
Growth Inc	208.40	221.40	+1.40	4.07
High Dist	132.80	141.10	+2.50	6.13
International	301.60	320.50	+1.90	1.01
Intl Income	76.78	81.96†	+1.48	3.17
Pacific	52.08	55.34	+0.26	0.54
Smllr Jap Cos	50.57	53.77†	+0.88	...
Tokyo	153.20	162.90	+6.40	...

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Japan Exempt	86.17	88.54	+4.23	0.59
Sm Jap Exempt	414.80	426.20	+7.30	0.12
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7241				
Endurance	161.10	171.30	+4.80	1.22
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	101.16	106.48	+0.66	3.78
High Income	115.62	121.71	+2.37	5.18
Tst of Inv Tsts	132.72	139.71	+3.54	2.62
Special Sits	81.75	86.05	+1.90	3.47
North American	106.09	111.67	+2.54	1.16
Far Eastern	196.97	207.34	+5.23	1.62
Intl Growth	86.36	90.91	-1.88	1.62
European	60.71	63.49	+0.80	2.21
Smaller Cos	66.62	70.13	+1.66	2.48
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414161				
America	214.60	226.40	+2.40	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00†	...	6.80
European Tst	104.00	110.60	+1.90	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	87.18	93.31	+0.71	0.70
Far Eastern	106.90	114.60	+1.10	...
Overseas Income	82.95	88.70†	+1.97	2.82
UK Growth	89.34	95.55†	+0.78	1.39
UK Income	98.46	105.30	+1.40	4.02
US Smaller Cos	218.40	233.60	+3.10	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	418.20	447.20	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	427.20	456.80	-0.50	...
Capital	276.50	294.10	+6.60	2.37
-do- Acc	381.70	406.00	+9.20	2.37
Contl Smllr Cos	43.36	46.73	+0.27	1.37
-do- Acc	44.86	48.35	+0.28	1.37
Convertible	104.60	111.20†	+3.20	6.42
-do- Acc	193.70	206.00†	+6.00	6.42
European	92.58	98.96	+1.06	0.90
-do- Acc	95.67	102.30	+1.10	0.90
Extra Income	272.20	289.50†	+7.10	4.69
-do- Acc	381.10	405.30†	+10.00	4.69
Financial	100.30	107.80	+2.60	0.78
-do- Acc	104.40	112.20	+2.70	0.78
Health Fund Inc	126.90	126.90	-2.00	...
-do- Acc	126.90	135.50	-2.00	...
Income Tst	168.80	179.50	+4.00	4.46
-do- Acc	235.20	250.10	+5.50	4.46
Intl Growth	295.50	315.60	+2.70	...
-do- Acc	328.30	350.40	+3.00	...
Japan Gen	126.60	135.80	+2.20	...
-do- Acc	128.10	137.20	+2.20	...
Mngd P folio Inc	86.69	91.25	+0.78	1.83
-do- Acc	89.52	94.23	+0.81	1.83
Monthly Income	138.80	147.60†	+4.00	4.70
Recovery	277.40	296.60†	+7.10	0.74
-do- Acc	323.90	346.30†	+8.20	0.74
Gilt Gth Tst	60.37	62.25	+0.60	7.19
-do- Acc	75.79	78.15	-0.75	7.19
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	336.06	357.51	+3.26	3.07
-do- Acc	678.54	721.85	+6.57	3.07
Euro Gth Dist	97.61	103.84	+0.31	1.13
-do- Acc	100.52	106.94	+0.33	1.13
Fixed Int Dist	128.61	136.04†	+1.28	6.73
-do- Acc	213.48	225.81†	+2.13	6.73
Intl Gth Dist	69.49	73.93†	+0.92	0.83
-do- Acc	71.88	76.47†	+0.95	0.83
Nth Amer Dist	162.48	172.26†	+2.34	0.67
-do- Acc	176.35	186.97†	+2.72	0.67
Pac Basin Dist	202.99	215.95†	+3.00	0.37
-do- Acc	206.11	219.27†	+2.04	0.37
Stewardship Dist	283.11	301.18	+4.97	1.98
-do- Acc	334.94	356.32	+5.88	1.98
Stwd Inc Dist	58.25	61.97	+1.16	4.31
-do- Acc	71.03	75.56	+1.40	4.31
N Am Stwd Dist	92.04	97.91†	+1.31	0.04
-do- Acc	97.36	103.57†	+1.32	0.04
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	137.40	147.00	-7.40	...
European	376.60	399.70	+4.00	0.96
Far East General	181.00	192.50	+1.10	0.34
Germany	90.04	95.35	-0.23	0.42
Global Assets In	62.74	67.11	+1.21	2.23
Global Assets Ac	65.75	70.32	+1.27	2.20
Income	105.30	112.70	+3.80	7.02
International	237.40	253.90	+6.30	0.99
Intl Income	71.73	76.36	+1.27	4.69
Japan General	281.80	298.50	+4.90	...
Smllr Cos Div	44.38	47.47†	+1.27	5.93
UK Capital Inc	147.70	158.00	+3.50	4.02
-do- Acc	250.40	267.90	+5.90	3.95
Uk Spec Sits	66.42	71.06	+0.39	1.60
US General	107.90	115.00	+2.60	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	108.70	116.30	+0.90	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.20	45.13	+0.61	1.31
Cash Trust*	127.07	127.07†	+0.12	6.04
Pract Inv Inc	96.85	103.86	+1.90	4.28
-do- Acc	206.76	221.73	+4.05	4.28
UK Smaller Cos	91.04	97.63	+1.59	1.85
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.59	25.23†	+0.19	8.84
High Inc	29.71	31.78	+0.82	5.66
UK Equity Inc	121.92	130.40	+2.52	4.62
Intl Fxd Int	28.80	29.85†	+0.39	5.33
International Funds				
Gold Intl	59.53	63.84	+2.78	1.83
Frontier Markets	39.56	42.42	+1.26	0.31
Global Inc Gth	114.42	122.16	+2.00	2.78
UK Intl	106.41	113.81†	+1.45	1.21
Overseas Funds				
American	124.15	132.63	+2.02	0.60
European	77.96	82.70	+0.94	0.98
Euro Sel Opps	89.13	94.81	+0.71	1.28
American Emerg	74.10	79.46†	+0.47	...
Hong Kong	94.23	101.05	-2.02	2.17
Japan	154.63	164.54	+5.98	...
Pacific Growth	129.23	138.58	-0.99	0.56
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 8526				
Intl Growth	113.20	121.07	+0.98	0.95
American Gth	117.73	125.91	+1.34	0.35
European Gth	64.43	68.91	+0.79	0.82
German Horizn	45.31	48.31	+0.62	0.92
Japan Gth	58.25	62.30	+1.73	...
Pacific Inc	114.22	122.16	-1.49	3.22
Pacific Strategy	93.67	100.18	+0.61	...
UK Prog Inc	68.54	73.31	+1.36	6.11
Gt British Cos	46.73	49.97	+0.61	2.00
UK Small Cos	42.34	45.28	+2.15	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	129.80	129.80	+0.20	5.66
Gilt Fixed	118.50	125.60	+1.60	6.70
Growth Equity	275.90	294.70	+1.70	2.31
Guardhill	407.90	435.70	+5.40	2.53

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Income Trust	100.80	107.60†	+3.50	4.68
International	142.10	151.80	-2.20	0.27
Japan Trust	96.23	102.80†	+4.26	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	243.60	260.20	+2.50	0.45
Pacific	307.10	328.00	+9.40	...
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	316.50	338.10†	+1.40	0.54
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 608, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	33.11	35.10	+0.50	1.85
-do- Acc	34.51	36.59	-0.52	1.85
Inc Adv Inc	28.15	29.84†	-0.43	4.41
-do- Acc	29.01	30.76	-0.46	4.41
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690340				
Canadian	61.26	65.62	+2.12	0.66
Equity Income	107.40	114.30	+3.70	3.88
European	126.50	133.60	-0.60	1.54
Intl Situation	68.12	72.47	+1.00	...
Japanese	105.00	111.70	+4.00	...
North American	98.68	104.70	+0.80	0.07
Scandinavian	97.22	102.80	-1.40	0.60
Smaller Cos	28.41	30.22†	+1.03	2.65
HENDERSON PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	89.14	95.32	+0.97	...
Asian Enterprise	107.93	115.67	-0.21	1.17
Australian	117.48	125.78	+3.77	1.41
European	334.48	354.73	+1.63	1.24
European Inc	65.16	68.96	+0.48	3.10
Euro Sml Co	112.77	120.26	+1.81	1.31
Extra Income	263.95	283.70†	+3.79	5.28
Family of Funds	54.58	58.91†	+1.35	1.50
Fixed Interest	54.83	58.64†	+0.85	8.35
Global Restur	74.20	79.64	+3.92	1.68
High Inc	263.81	282.68†	+7.38	4.80
Income Gth	222.60	237.05	+3.38	3.97
-do- Acc	360.15	396.55	+8.51	3.97
International	210.72	224.37	+3.73	1.00
Japan Spc Sit	172.25	183.23	+4.26	...
Japan	149.60	158.98†	+5.11	...
N Amer	223.47	237.83†	+1.61	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	145.33	155.98	+0.30	1.53
Pref Gilt	45.04	48.05†	+0.56	9.05
Smaller Cos Div	148.56	161.94†	+1.72	4.60
Special Sits	244.99	262.13	+4.60	1.59
-do- Acc	375.20	401.46	+7.06	1.59
Best of British	53.04	56.91	+0.65	2.41
Spirit of the East	49.96	53.30	+1.42	0.73
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	84.96	90.86	-1.00	2.34
Capital	148.80	158.90	-1.90	2.51
Dollar	295.10	315.60	+4.20	0.30
European	181.30	193.90	-2.30	0.59
Far East	206.70	221.00†	+3.60	0.70
Financial	625.50	668.90	+21.80	2.67
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.18	26.16†	-0.29	8.30
High Yield	94.81	101.40	+2.49	5.41
Income	127.10	135.90	+3.50	3.70
Intl	195.00	208.50†	+4.40	0.54
Japan Tech	51.50	55.07†	+1.55	...
Nat Resources	51.46	55.03	+2.61	0.60
Security	283.30	302.90	+3.00	2.20
Smaller Cos	102.50	109.60	+2.90	1.78
Special Sits	129.40	138.30	+4.40	2.37
US Smaller Cos	70.64	75.55	-0.74	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	236.30	248.70	+3.80	1.45
Capital Gwth	100.60	105.90	+1.00	2.53
Inv Trusts	115.30	121.40	+2.80	0.79
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	28.47	29.95	+0.66	2.06
Special Features	25.30	26.88	-0.01	1.82
-do- Acc	29.67	31.52	+0.01	1.82
General Funds				
UK Growth	50.49	54.08	+0.71	2.68
Assets Earnings	67.23	71.43†	+0.56	2.10
do Acc	79.14	84.08†	+0.65	2.10
Managed Invest	77.40	82.74	+1.33	1.40
Expert Children	72.86	77.74	+0.44	1.85
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	51.42	51.42	+0.04	5.65
Extra Inc	74.02	79.41†	+1.41	4.98
Gilt	27.27	28.71†	+0.30	7.25
Income Gth	36.52	39.07	+0.56	3.84
MIMstar	75.32	77.33	+0.65	8.75
Preference	17.51	18.60	+0.28	7.23
UK Income	291.90	312.20	+8.40	3.69
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	50.41	53.96†	+1.11	1.90
Property Shares	52.64	55.93	+1.90	2.51
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	133.10	140.10	+1.40	3.70
European Acc	104.10	110.30	+1.20	2.07
European Dist	99.09	105.00	+1.10	2.07
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.98	50.99	+0.73	1.02
European Perf	98.86	104.90	+1.30	1.32
-do- Acc	100.80	106.90	+1.10	1.32
Euro Small Cos	18.80	20.05	+0.36	0.98
French Growth	63.11	67.11	+0.30	0.78
-do- Acc	66.73	70.95	+0.32	0.78
Hong K/China	56.44	60.71†	-1.05	1.87
Intl Growth	45.93	48.80	+0.61	1.29
-do- Acc	45.93	48.80	+0.61	1.29
Japan Perf	24.63	26.15	+0.99	...
Accum Units	24.63	26.15	+0.99	...
Japan Smllr Cos	26.06	27.66	+0.58	...
Singapore Asean	64.49	70.02	+1.16	0.70
-do- Acc	64.89	70.45	+1.17	0.70
South East Asia	190.40	205.30	-0.30	1.00
US Smllr Cos	107.80	114.50	+3.70	...
-do- Acc	109.00	115.80	+3.90	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	76.37	81.54†	+1.45	2.92
Intl Bond	55.94	56.68	+0.96	6.48
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600, Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	64.50	68.84†	+0.07	6.73
Extra Income	50.29	53.50†	+1.89	7.20
Gilt Yield	117.60	126.00†	+1.20	8.23
Global Income	183.60	195.30†	+5.20	4.38
High Yield	125.80	133.80†	+2.80	6.52
Smllr Cos Div	42.70	45.43	+1.38	6.08
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	88.94	94.62	+0.77	...
North American	73.48	78.17	+0.57	0.24
European	122.30	130.10†	+0.80	0.91
Euro Special	73.04	77.70	-0.82	1.07
General	257.70	274.10†	+3.80	3.51
Japan	297.60	316.60	+10.90	...
Japanese Special	159.10	169.30	+4.00	...
Master Acc	204.90	218.00	+4.10	1.51
Pacific	222.50	236.70	+3.10	0.59
Smaller Cos	92.02	97.89	+4.88	2.36
UK Equity Gth	33.15	35.27	+0.76	2.81
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	68.95	73.35†	+1.20	0.99
Extra Income	23.44	24.94†	+0.79	3.82

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Far East	21.63	23.01	-0.29	1.00
Income Gwth	70.43	74.95	-2.09	3.00
Intl Growth	46.65	49.84	-0.88	0.99
Japan	48.25	51.33†	+1.52	...
Maximum Dist*	100.00	102.02†	-0.30	8.33
N Amer Equity	38.62	41.09	+0.96	0.43
UK Equity	82.54	87.81	-1.20	2.91
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	50.42	53.64†	-0.15	4.90
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300, Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	407.60	433.60	+3.80	3.04
Equity Acc	767.60	816.40	+7.30	3.04
Equity Income	86.35	91.88†	+1.99	5.35
European	90.19	95.95†	+1.98	1.72
Far Eastern	148.20	156.80	-4.20	0.37
Fixed Interest	49.23	52.37	+0.66	8.00
Gilt	89.72	95.14	+1.25	6.80
Global Growth	58.70	62.45	+1.88	1.09
Intl Bond	55.38	58.92	-1.16	5.40
Japanese	51.77	55.07	+2.28	...
Overseas Equity	86.45	92.16†	+2.49	0.90
Pacific Gth	73.71	78.42	-1.96	1.53
North American	134.60	143.20†	+4.40	1.18
UK Recovery	72.17	76.78	+1.30	2.08
UK Smllr Cos	95.03	101.10†	+2.11	2.09
Worldwide	70.39	74.88	+1.02	2.75
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	304.70	324.20	+4.40	3.16
-do- Acc	659.50	702.10	+9.60	3.16
Contl Euro Gth	47.80	50.52	-0.29	1.62
-do- Acc	50.55	53.22	-0.32	1.62
Extra Inc	226.40	241.10	+2.60	4.19
-do- Acc	530.90	566.70	+6.20	4.19
German Gth	94.17	99.13	+1.39	0.36
-do- Acc	96.75	104.00	+1.40	0.36
Income	430.30	457.80	+9.90	3.88
-do- Acc	1090.0	1160.0	+25.00	3.88
Japan Growth	70.80	75.32	+2.58	0.01
-do- Acc	71.05	75.59	+2.60	0.01
Master Trust	49.38	52.54	+0.53	1.35
-do- Acc	53.71	57.14	+0.57	1.35
N American Gen	182.90	194.60	+1.80	0.01
-do- Acc	211.30	224.80	+1.90	0.01
Nam Sm Co Rec	135.00	143.70	+2.70	0.01
-do- Acc	137.80	146.70	+2.70	0.01
Pacific Basin	177.60	189.00	-0.10	0.47
-do- Acc	186.90	198.90	...	0.47
Small Cos Rec	289.30	304.60	+15.60	2.40
-do- Acc	373.20	392.90	+20.10	2.40
UK Growth	76.37	81.25	+1.38	2.46
-do- Acc	89.05	94.74	+1.38	2.46
Worldwide Gth	254.90	271.20	+1.70	0.27
-do- Acc	375.60	399.60	+2.40	0.27
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	74.42	79.84	-1.12	3.10
Income	57.08	61.26	+1.97	6.20
International	51.58	55.34	-0.79	0.90
American	58.45	62.72†	-0.99	0.40
Japan	37.68	40.43	+1.76	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	50.08	53.66	-1.53	2.40
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0345 390390				
American Gen	377.50	399.10	+5.70	0.28
-do- Acc	464.80	491.50	+7.10	0.28
American Rec	385.30	407.90	+9.40	0.68
-do- Acc	443.30	466.70	+10.80	0.68
Am Sm Co Acc	117.50	124.20	+1.10	0.02
Australia Acc	122.90	130.00	+3.80	1.91
Capital	591.50	625.50	+17.30	3.40
-do- Acc	844.10	887.10	+18.70	3.40
Commodity Acc	348.80	368.80	+11.60	1.50
Compnd Gth	768.50	812.70	+12.60	3.83
Dividend	32.10	34.30	+0.90	4.84
-do- Acc	724.30	773.40	+1.50	4.84
Equity Inc	220.90	239.90	+13.90	5.94
European Div	53.70	57.40†	+0.60	5.34
-do- Acc	60.70	64.90	+0.70	5.34
European Gen	352.30	372.50†	+1.30	1.87
-do- Acc	440.70	466.50	+1.80	1.87
Extra Yield	337.90	364.40	+10.30	5.16
-do- Acc	971.30	1039.3	+29.60	5.16
Far Eastern	235.30	248.70	+1.30	1.58
-do- Acc	308.50	326.20	+1.80	1.58
Fund of Inv	452.80	478.60	+14.00	2.63
-do- Acc	816.30	863.20	+26.40	2.63
General	49.20	52.40†	+1.30	4.12
-do- Acc	130.90	138.50	+3.00	4.12
Gilt Fxd Int	64.40	66.40	+0.70	9.08
do Acc	149.40	149.50	+1.80	9.08
Gold	32.00	33.80†	+2.30	2.40
-do- Acc	37.40	39.50	+2.40	2.40
High Inc	22.30	23.60†	+0.70	5.36
-do- Acc	82.60	87.40	+2.50	5.36
Intl Growth	62.30	65.90†	+0.60	1.12
-do- Acc	107.20	113.80	+1.00	1.12
Intl Inc	81.40	88.80	+1.30	5.42
Japan Gen Acc	37.80	39.20	+1.00	...
Japan Smllr Cos	105.80	111.70	+1.40	0.06
Midland	48.80	51.40	+3.00	4.75
-do- Acc	153.60	162.50	+11.30	4.78
Recovery	33.00	35.00†	+0.86	3.60
-do- Acc	51.30	53.90	+1.20	3.60
Second Gen	55.00	58.30†	+2.00	4.12
-do- Acc	134.80	142.40	+5.30	4.12
Smaller Cos	54.10	57.20	+1.40	4.11
-do- Acc	100.90	106.40	+2.70	4.11
Trustee	35.30	37.30	+1.10	4.49
Charibond 3	7111.38	...	+1.36	9.40
Charifund 2	582.47	594.37	+14.30	5.43
Pension ex 1	815.30	835.70	+18.90	4.75
NAACIF Inc 3	84.50	...	+0.75	8.31
-do- Acc 3	10023.7	...	+18.25	8.31
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 418, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 688666				
Inv Port Inc	126.50	135.20†	+1.70	2.46
-do- Acc	140.40	150.20†	+1.90	2.46
UK Income	104.40	111.60†	+1.90	3.22
-do- Acc	126.40	134.50†	+2.30	3.22
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	70.19	75.06	+0.31	0.67
Far East (Pacific)	112.20	119.10	+3.10	0.68
Income Growth	68.80	73.03	+1.64	4.43
European	61.81	65.61	+1.17	2.11
Nth American	55.28	58.68	+1.14	1.23
UK Growth	72.53	76.99	+1.75	1.54
Intl Growth	81.35	86.35	+0.70	0.60
Charities	103.40	109.70	+2.40	4.77
Intl Income	60.76	64.59	+0.96	4.96
Japan	38.02	40.36	+0.96	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	185.10	196.40	+1.80	...
-do- Acc	197.80	209.80	+1.80	...
Cash	100.20	100.20†	+1.30	6.85
-do- Acc	127.60	127.60†	+0.20	6.85
European Gth	182.50	193.70	+2.30	0.36
-do- Acc	195.40	207.30	+2.30	0.36
General	441.90	471.40	+6.60	2.72
-do- Acc	828.50	883.80	+12.30	2.72
Global Dist	129.90	136.50	+1.50	5.41
-do- Acc	142.40	149.60	+1.70	5.41
Income	132.30	141.00	+3.00	5.16
-do- Acc	190.30	202.80	+4.30	5.16
International	341.70	364.10†	+5.70	1.14
-do- Acc	453.60	483.40†	+7.60	1.14

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Japan	140.30	148.80†	+3.50	...
-do- Acc	144.10	152.80†	+3.60	...
New Europe	126.60	133.30	+3.30	1.48
-do- Acc	126.80	135.30	+3.35	1.48
Recovery	264.50	280.40	+6.10	3.34
-do- Acc	335.50	357.90	+7.30	3.34
European Inc	70.71	74.98†	+1.23	3.13
-do- Acc	88.71	93.11†	+1.35	3.13
Brit Blue Chip	69.42	73.95	+1.16	3.61
-do- Acc	81.28	86.59	+1.36	3.61
Portfolio	70.35	74.84	+1.04	3.22
-do- Acc	78.82	83.85	+1.17	3.22
Gold General	52.48	55.98	+4.14	4.34
-do- Acc	53.20	56.75	+4.19	4.34
Pacific	78.45	83.46	-0.50	0.68
-do- Acc	82.88	88.46	-0.53	0.68
UK Smaller Cos	47.23	50.38	+1.81	1.77
-do- Acc	52.51	56.02	+2.01	1.77
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 528 209. Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	53.30	56.14	+0.55	3.76
-do- Acc	53.30	56.14	+0.55	3.76
British Dist	75.11	[illegible]	+0.78	2.47
-do- Acc	82.90	88.73	+0.87	2.47
European Gth	156.90	166.30	+2.50	0.37
-do- Acc	196.70	209.00	+3.10	0.37
Euro High Inc	66.20	69.72	+1.74	6.80
-do- Acc	111.30	117.80	+3.00	6.80
Gilt Fixed Int	35.79	[illegible]	+0.59	7.14
-do- Acc	144.80	153.80	+1.50	7.14
High Yield	205.20	218.50	+5.40	5.39
-do- Acc	491.30	520.80	+12.50	5.39
Income	264.80	280.30	+7.30	4.21
-do- Acc	541.90	574.50	+15.00	4.21
Japan Gth	251.20	266.10	+10.00	...
-do- Acc	266.10	282.30	+10.40	...
Mountain Acc	83.12	88.90	+0.66	1.41
North American	159.90	171.00	+3.30	0.76
-do- Acc	201.10	[illegible]	+4.30	0.76
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	241.70	257.10†	[illegible]	0.48
Deposit Inc	100.20	100.20†	[illegible]	4.22
Deposit Acc	122.09	122.09†	[illegible]	4.32
Euro Gth Acc	236.50	252.50†	+3.40	...
Europe	108.50	117.00	+2.30	...
Intl Gth	150.40	160.40	+2.50	...
Japan Tracker	55.53	58.80	+2.50	...
UK Equity Inc	136.00	146.60	+3.30	5.36
-do- Acc	165.50	176.50	+4.40	5.35
UK Ind Tracker	136.70	146.30	+2.30	3.61
US Eq Ind Trkr	184.80	197.50	+2.70	1.34
-do- Acc	194.40	207.80	+2.80	1.34
Asian Tracker	124.80	133.40	-1.30	1.13
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 [illegible]				
American Inc	166.40	172.30	+3.30	2.59
European	36.75	37.86	-0.04	1.33
Olympiad	49.63	50.90	+0.86	0.76
Global Bond	46.64	47.15	+0.56	7.02
Smaller Cos	36.66	38.37	+1.30	2.05
Equity Income	88.43	90.90†	+1.90	5.30
UK Growth	80.30	82.90	+1.04	1.76
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Hilsea Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	46.42	49.61	+0.86	0.77
Australian Acc	235.40	250.00	+6.10	...
Commerce	61.10	65.20†	+2.08	1.41
-do- Acc	66.60	70.88	+2.32	1.41
European	159.40	170.60	+3.10	1.37
-do- Acc	170.10	181.40	+3.30	1.37
Extra Income	69.66	74.34	+0.83	6.08
-do- Acc	104.20	111.20	+1.20	6.08
Far East Gth	132.90	142.00	+1.40	0.05
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.89	61.59	+0.69	7.52
Gold	25.80	27.50	+1.70	...
-do- Acc	27.85	29.67	+1.83	...
Income	49.71	53.00†	+1.52	5.38
-do- Acc	149.00	158.90	+4.50	5.38
International	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.31	0.94
-do- Acc	38.83	41.44	+0.50	0.94
Jap Sm Cos Acc	234.70	250.10	+8.10	...
S pore Mly Acc	142.80	152.30	+3.00	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.12	24.89	+1.04	2.09
Special Sits	30.59	32.69	+0.63	1.85
-do- Acc	34.91	37.53	+0.71	1.85
Tokyo	61.47	65.56	+2.61	...
-do- Acc	62.09	66.22	+2.65	...
US Smllr Co Acc	100.00	112.30	+1.30	...
UK Equity	153.00	163.20†	+2.00	2.77
-do- Acc	283.80	302.70	+3.90	2.77
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5522				
N&P UK Growth	64.03	68.12	+0.76	3.06
N&P Gilt Fxd Inc	73.25	77.52	+0.82	6.95
N&P Higher Inc	172.10	183.70†	+5.20	5.23
N&P UK Income	93.77	100.30	+1.76	4.58
N&P Intl	80.16	86.30	+0.90	2.30
N&P Smaller Cos	67.82	72.54	+1.83	1.94
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	152.48	160.06	-0.83	3.08
Global	244.84	260.47	+3.11	1.12
Income	186.44	198.30†	+2.21	4.48
Intl Bond	121.00	128.73	+0.99	7.43
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 588, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626677				
Growth	131.90	138.80	+2.20	2.98
-do- Acc	228.30	240.35	+4.00	2.98
Income	205.00	218.00	+4.30	4.60
Intl Equity	195.60	208.00	+3.00	1.23
-do- Acc	214.10	227.70	+3.30	1.23
Equity	206.30	219.40†	+3.30	2.75
-do- Acc	418.10	444.80	+6.60	2.75
UK Intl 25 Acc	64.24	68.33	+1.08	2.20
UK Income	93.95	99.51†	+1.20	3.49
UK Smllr Co Acc	64.17	68.26	+1.36	2.06
New Europe Acc	57.66	61.32	-0.01	1.65
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	76.31	81.62	+0.14	0.25
PEP Gth Inc	89.81	96.06	+1.40	1.28
Intl Gth	423.45	452.80	+0.71	1.42
Income	360.03	385.64	+6.20	4.36
W wide Recov	263.57	281.90	+7.61	1.08
American Gth	193.43	206.88	+3.52	0.05
Intl Emerg Cos	161.70	172.95	+3.21	0.25
Far East Gth	161.31	172.53	+4.82	0.39
European Gth	102.53	109.66	+1.03	1.28
UK Growth	69.25	74.07	+1.04	2.24
High Income	73.21	78.30†	+1.60	5.32
Japanese Gth	148.80	158.59	+4.76	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262643				
International	160.10	170.30	+4.20	0.99
High Income	102.20	108.80	+3.80	4.01
Conv Gilt	106.30	113.10	+2.70	6.65
Far East	269.50	286.80	+9.40	0.26
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Seniors Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	48.83	51.95	+1.26	0.50
Emerging Mkts	54.01	57.46	+0.20	0.25

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General	45.50	48.40†	+0.46	[illegible]
International	76.58	81.47	+0.85	1.40
Gilt Units	25.31	26.68	+0.34	8.15
Global PEP	53.14	57.25	+1.26	[illegible]
Income Gth	90.40	95.59	+1.23	3.50
European	40.27	42.84	+0.58	[illegible]
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.01	26.61†	+0.30	[illegible]
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Pricecheck: 0426 925[illegible]				
Pru Mngd Tst**	37.35	39.46	+0.51	[illegible]
Pru Csh Hsh Inc	101.70	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pru Equity	633.00	674.90	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pru Eqty Inc	77.21	82.47	+1.35	[illegible]
Pru European	159.31	170.30	+1.26	[illegible]
Pru Global Gth	72.24	77.38†	+0.97	[illegible]
Pru High Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pru Intl	141.20	150.87†	+2.11	[illegible]
Pru Intl Sm Co	60.07	64.36	+0.85	[illegible]
Pru Japanese	133.98	142.55	+5.35	...
Pru Nth Amer	138.38	147.96	+4.38	0.47
Pru Pacific Mkt	64.37	68.84†	+0.98	2.36
Pru Prefer Inc	48.21	50.72†	+0.67	[illegible]
Pru Smllr Cos	76.30	81.20	+1.22	[illegible]
Pru Spec Sits	94.05	100.50†	+2.02	[illegible]
Pru UK Growth	105.08	112.38	[illegible]	[illegible]
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2985/6				
Europe	147.52	158.71	+3.72	[illegible]
Japan	205.05	217.98	+8.14	...
Major UK Cos	90.35	96.50	+1.38	2.74
America Indxtrk	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smllr UK Cos	237.30	250.16	+6.70	2.08
Smllr European	231.60	[illegible]	+3.03	1.71
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 282101 (Dlg only)				
Amer Inc Gth	68.08	72.42	[illegible]	[illegible]
Capital Units	132.00	140.40†	[illegible]	[illegible]
Commodity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Gth	139.00	147.80	[illegible]	[illegible]
Financial Sec	158.60	168.50	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Return	262.00	278.30†	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Yield	197.20	209.70	+3.60	4.47
Income Units	102.20	109.20	+3.60	[illegible]
Investment	153.00	164.80	+3.30	[illegible]
Japan Gth	104.90	111.30	+3.20	...
Japan Smaller	142.90	152.00	[illegible]	...
Moneyfund	41.80	44.67†	+0.49	1.31
Scotbits	251.90	269.60†	[illegible]	2.36
Scotshares	239.30	255.00	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scotyields	310.50	330.30	+4.70	4.39
Select Intl	116.20	123.70	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	201.50	214.30	[illegible]	[illegible]
Special Situation	101.60	107.90	+0.60	[illegible]
UK Equity	211.90	225.40†	+4.80	2.86
US Growth	134.70	143.30	+2.30	0.31
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Line 0800 526 535. Dealer line 0800 526 540				
American	238.49	253.70	+7.25	0.96
-do- Acc	256.45	271.90	+7.93	0.96
Australian	119.27	[illegible]	-2.76	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Enterprise	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Euro Smllr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far Eastern Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Fixed Interest	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Enterprise	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Japan Smllr Cos	107.34	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Pacific Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	171.35	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
UK Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
US Smllr Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
World Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Equity Strategy	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Opps	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Maximum Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Worldwide	73.75	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.77
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6500				
UK Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Fxd Gilt Eqty	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
North American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income Plus Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Spec Sits	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2244				
Equity Gth Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Growth Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Inc Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mactor Libra Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Euro Spec Sits	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Far East Opps	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
General Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Global Tech	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Income Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income Monthly	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Overseas Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Special Opps	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wld Spec Sits	41.27	44.30	[illegible]	...
-do- Acc	41.37	44.40	[illegible]	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	41.18	43.76	+0.47	1.81
Equity Gth Acc	56.86	60.55	+0.86	1.13

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Eq General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far East Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
N American Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Eq Gth Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Eq High Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Eq Inc Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Eq Gth Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Hesketh Court, 78 Marble Lane, London EC3N [illegible]. 071 [illegible]				
Global $	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
US Eq	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far East Eq	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Eq	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FT Europe	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FT North Am	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FT Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FT Asia Ex Jap	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
British	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mngd Cash	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smaller Wld	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inv Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sabre PPP	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690[illegible]				
Equity Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
N America Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FE East Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
W wide Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Equity Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingstoke, Hampshire, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Managed Alloctn	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Worldwide Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
British Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Extra Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
General Unit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
International	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Premier Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat Resources	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Selected Opps	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Chatham Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 344747				
American Eagle	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Australia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Equity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Euro Spec Sits	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Financial	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Opps Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilts Gen Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Philippine	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Capital	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Worldwide Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
World Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 408 0045				
Amer Smll Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cash	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Opps	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far East Opps	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gold/Nat Res	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lion Dragon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oriental Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tiger	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	213.35	220.45	+4.10	4.43
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australian Gold	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.22	[illegible]
Pacific Basin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Canadian Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Bond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.27
Penny Share	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Short Dtd Gilt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
US Govmnt Bd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Challenger	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 [illegible]				
Stockmarket Fd	64.14	68.23	+0.30	2.37

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	2,600	Coats Vyla	7,000	Legal & Gn	1,300	Scot & New	782
Alld-Lyons	2,300	Cm Union	1,400	Lloyds Bk	3,800	Scot Power	6,600
Anglian W	1,700	Courtaulds	1,100	MB Cardn	1,000	Sears	4,900
Argyll Gp	1,600	De La Rue	360	Marks Spr	5,600	Svrn Trent	761
Arjo Wiggn	1,600	Eng China Cl	392	NFC	1,000	Shell Trans	5,400
AB Foods	518	Enterpr Oil	1,500	NatWst Bk	5,800	Siebe	513
BAA	1,700	Fisons	3,400	Nat Power	8,500	SmKl Bch	958
BAT Inds	1,500	Forte	2,500	Nth Wst W	2,000	Smith Nph	707
BOC	916	GRE	3,300	Nthn Fds	1,700	Smith (WH)	1,100
BP	15,000	GUS A	285	P & O	1,100	Sthrn Elec	2,700
BT	6,100	Gen Acc	370	Pearson	1,400	Std Chartd	348
BTR	1,800	Gen Elec	13,000	PowerGen	11,000	Sun Allnce	1,100
Bk of Scot	7,100	Glaxo	3,700	Prudential	3,300	TI Gp	1,200
Barclays	5,600	Granada	997	RTZ	1,900	TSB	6,900
Bass	1,300	Grand Met	4,700	Rank Org	1,400	Tate & Lyle	2,100
Blue Circle	2,000	Guinness	4,700	Reckitt Col	924	Tesco	4,000
Boots	1,600	HSBC	2,700	Redland	1,100	Thames W	1,800
Bowater	421	Hanson	16,000	Reed Ind	388	Thrn EMI	589
Brit Airwys	4,600	ICI	2,600	Rentokil	1,400	Tomkins	2,600
Brit Gas	6,900	Inchcape	3,400	Reuters	592	Unilever	2,100
Brit Steel	4,700	Kingfisher	1,000	Rothmans	603	Utd Bisc	1,500
Burmah Cast	361	Kwik Save	186	Ryl Ins	3,300	Vodafone	4,600
Cable Wire	1,900	LASMO	6,000	Ryl Bk Scot	4,200	Wellcome	914
Cadbury	3,000	Ladbroke	4,100	Sainsbury	2,900	Whitbd 'A'	812
Carlton Cm	1,300	Land Secs	2,400	Scot Hydro	1,100	Wlms Hld	841

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3300.03 (-6.22)
S&P Composite 437.10 (-1.56)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 17023.78 (-39.63)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 5751.40 (-53.10)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 97.6 (+0.4)

Sydney: AO 1528.2 (+1.5)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1571.85 (+4.01)

FT 30 share: 2177.3 (-7.5)

Brussels:
General 5828.24 (+37.67)

Paris: CAC 476.37 (+5.12)

Zurich: SKA Gen 459.5 (+2.5)

London:
FT A All-Share 1364.33 (-4.15)
FT 500 1504.67 (-4.68)
FT Gold Mines 74.7 (+5.4)
FT Fixed Interest 109.86 (+0.10)
FT Govt Secs 94.76 (-0.07)
Bargains 36861
SEAQ Volume 773.1m
USM (Datastrm) 127.66 (-0.04)

TRADED OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 25	February 12	May 6	May 17

Call options were taken out on 29/1/93: BM Group, Burnfield, Caverdale, Fairhaven, First Tech, Microvitec, Premier Cons, P&P, Queens Moat, Rhino, Sage, Suter, Shandwick, Tadpole, Wills Group. Puts: BM Group, Burnfield, First Tech, Geest, Suter, Tadpole, Tay Homes. Puts & Calls: Porth, Tarmac.

FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 93	2833.0	2838.0	2812.0	2823.0	8823
Previous open interest: 53244	Jun 93	2832.0	2834.0	2832.0	2839.0	104
Three Month Sterling	Mar 93	94.14	94.17	94.13	94.17	13072
Previous open interest: 278784	Jun 93	94.44	94.48	94.43	94.45	9927
	Sep 93	94.44	94.49	94.44	94.46	7121
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 93	96.72	96.73	96.65	96.69	495
Previous open interest: 20544	Jun 93	96.52	96.54	96.43	96.47	1430
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 93	91.99	92.03	91.95	92.01	19895
Previous open interest: 444237	Jun 93	92.80	92.84	92.75	92.82	15818
US Treasury Bond	Mar 93	106-30	107-00	106-29	106-30	36
Previous open interest: 807	Jun 93				105-22	0
Long Gilt	Mar 93	101-31	102-07	101-18	101-21	40974
Previous open interest: 67568	Jun 93	102-10	102-19	102-07	102-06	240
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	109.42	109.59	109.42	109.58	1484
	Jun 93				108.98	0
German Govmt Bond	Mar 93	92.93	93.02	92.83	92.99	33160
Previous open interest: 150164	Jun 93	92.92	93.03	92.90	93.03	1646
Three month ECU	Mar 93	90.47	90.47	90.31	90.42	640
Previous open interest: 13776	Jun 93	91.49	91.49	91.37	91.45	356
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 93	94.67	94.70	94.58	94.62	6604
Previous open interest: 39857	Jun 93	94.93	95.00	94.88	94.92	2592
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 93	95.40	95.85	95.40	95.73	8624
Previous open interest: 27830	Jun 93	95.60	95.60	95.60	95.68	

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 78.2 (day's range 78.2-78.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 29	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6880-2.7029	2.6926-2.6960	⅜-¼ds	1¼-1⅛ds
Brussels	49.05-49.39	49.17-49.27	6-10ds	21-28ds
Copenhagen	9.2100-9.2800	9.2130-9.2350	5⅛-6⅜ds	12⅛-13⅞ds
Dublin	0.9094-0.9162	0.9094-0.9129	174-357ds	335-720ds
Frankfurt	2.3872-2.4011	2.3872-2.3904	⅜-¼ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Lisbon	215.25-217.80	216.06-216.96	132-180ds	400-517ds
Madrid	169.10-171.30	169.10-169.97	98-115ds	316-343ds
Milan	2208.00-2246.00	2239.00-2246.00	9-11ds	30-33ds
Montreal	1.8869-1.9215	1.8869-1.8890	0.05-0.08ds	0.04-0.14ds
New York	1.4860-1.5125	1.4860-1.4870	0.40-0.38pr	1.15-1.12pr
Oslo	10.1530-10.2480	10.1530-10.1760	2⅞-3⅛ds	8⅞-10⅞ds
Paris	8.0800-8.1790	8.1650-8.1790	4⅛-4⅞ds	12⅜-13⅞ds
Stockholm	10.8210-10.8980	10.8250-10.8480	3⅛-4⅛ds	9⅞-12ds
Tokyo	185.30-187.78	185.30-185.58	⅛-⅛pr	1⅜-1⅛pr
Vienna	16.75-16.89	16.80-16.85	1⅞-2⅞ds	6⅝-8⅞ds
Zurich	2.2038-2.2239	2.2052-2.2097	⅛-⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina peso*	1.4883-1.4909
Australia dollar	2.1922-2.1955
Bahrain dinar	0.5665-0.5785
Brazil cruzeiro *	23382.8-23401.5
Cyprus pound	0.71-0.72
Finland marka	8.147-8.262
Greece drachma	318.75-325.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.5168-11.5261
India rupee	43.70-44.66
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4575-0.4675
Malaysia ringgit	3.9147-3.9190
Mexico peso	4.64-4.74
New Zealand dollar	2.8810-2.8886
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6145-5.7405
Singapore dollar	2.4451-2.4483
S Africa rand (fin)	6.90-7.07
S Africa rand (com)	4.5788-4.5842
U A E dirham	5.513-5.637

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4710-1.4721
Austria	11.31-11.33
Belgium (Com)	33.10-33.13
Canada	1.2700-1.2705
Denmark	6.1950-6.2050
France	5.4250-5.4300
Germany	1.6080-1.6090
Hong Kong	7.7320-7.7330
Ireland	1.6290-1.6340
Italy	1483.0-1493.0
Japan	124.75-124.80
Malaysia	2.6265-2.6275
Netherlands	1.8085-1.8095
Norway	6.8400-6.8500
Portugal	145.40-145.90
Singapore	1.6405-1.6415
Spain	113.80-114.30
Sweden	7.2650-7.2750
Switzerland	1.4855-1.4875

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7¼ Low 6¼ Week fixed: 6⅝
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth 5⅞. Sell: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth: 5⅞

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6	6-5⅞
Overnight: open 6⅛, close 50	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6	6-5⅞
Local Authority Deps:	6⅛	n/a	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6	6-5⅞	5⅞-5⅝
Dollar CDs:	3.06-3.03	n/a	3.12-3.09	3.25-3.20	3.52-3.49
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6	6-5⅞

TREASURY BILLS: Applicts: £560m allotted: £100m; Bids: £98.645% received: 99%; Last week: £98.470% received: 100%; Avge rate: £5.4349% last wk £6.1067%. Next week: £100m.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	8⅛-8⅛	8⅛-8⅛	8⅛-8⅛	8⅛-7⅞	8⅛-7⅞
French Franc:	12⅛-12	12⅛-12⅛	12⅛-12⅛	11-10⅞	13-11
Swiss Franc:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-4⅞
Yen:	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	4⅛-3⅞

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Rudolf Wolff/Credit Suisse)

Bullion: Open $330.50-331.00 Close: $330.25-330.75 High: $331.40-331.90 Low: $329.60-330.10 Krugerrand: $329.50-331.50 (£221.00-223.00)
Sovereigns: Old $79.50-81.50 (£51.00-53.00) New $79.50-81.50 (£51.00-53.00)
Platinum: $364.50 (£244.20) Silver: $3.70 (£2.485) Palladium: $112.35 (£75.30)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon..	550	46	58	65	12	27	32
(*576½)	600	20	31	41	37	55	60
ASDA..	60	10	13	16	3½	6	6½
(*67½)	70	5	9	11½	8	11½	13½
Bass..	550	60	74	85	12	23	29
(*584½)	600	25	45	57	32	46	55
Boots..	500	25	35	46	19	32	36
(*499)	550	7	16	25	53	63	66
Br Airways	260	31	36	40	8½	18	21
(*278½)	280	19	27	30	16	27	31
BP..	220	29	34	38	4	8	12
(*245½)	240	15	23	27	10	16	19
	260	6½	13	18	23	28	32
Br Steel..	70	9	13	14½	6	9	11
(*73½)	80	4½	8½	10½	12	15	17
C & W..	700	36	54	66	28	44	52
(*701)	750	16	32	44	59	75	79
CU..	600	28	40	44	29	40	47
(*607½)	650	8½	20	26	60	73	80
Courtauld.	550	34	48	58	20	35	41
(*557)	600	14	27	37	51	67	72
GKN..	460	25	35	44	24	33	39
(*467½)	500	8	21	28	53	58	62
Grnd Met.	420	37	50	58	13	23	28
(*438)	460	17	31	38	33	43	49
ICI..	1050	104	120	132	21	38	55
(*1131)	1100	65	88	102	40	58	77
	1150	37	63	78	70	87	105
Kingfshr..	550	26	42	50	26	40	47
(*547½)	600	10	21	29	57	72	77
Ladbroke..	180	24	30	33	12	18	24
(*195½)	200	13	20	24	22	29	35
Land Sec..	460	29	35	41	10	24	28
(*473½)	500	10	17	22	33	49	53
M & S..	300	25	32	36	7½	15	16
(*313½)	330	9	16	23	22	32	34
Sainsbury..	550	42	53	63	14	26	30
(*574½)	600	15	28	38	40	49	56
Shell..	550	20	32	39	21	27	32
(*558)	600	4	14	18	58	60	67
Smkl Bch..	460	46	59	70	11	20	26
(*490½)	500	22	38	48	29	38	44
Storehse..	200	18	26	30	8	14	18
(*205½)	220	11	17	22	19	25	28
Trafalgar..	90	14	16	21	5	9	10½
(*96)	100	8	12	16	9½	14	16
Unilever..	1100	42	63	81	38	52	59
(*1110)	1150	20	40	58	72	83	90
Utd Bisc..	360	20	26	31	20	25	31
(*365½)	390	7½	15	19	41	45	49

January 29, 1993 Tot: 29600 Calls: 19752 Puts: 9848 FT-SE Calls: 2907 Puts: 1889
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAA..	750	35	56	66	8	22	34
(*771)	800	9	30	40	35	48	60
BAT Ind..	950	33	46	64	16	48	58
(*960)	1000	10	26	42	47	80	88
BTR..	550	13	23	35	11	26	32
(*551½)	600	2½	8½	15	49	61	65
Br Aero..	220	36	50	57	7½	22	32
(*252½)	240	22	38	47	15	32	42
Br Telcm..	390	21	33	38	3½	9½	17
(*407)	420	5	16	21	17	23	32
Cadbury..	460	16	25	34	10	26	30
(*463½)	500	4	10	18	38	53	56
Guinness..	460	14	27	38	15	32	38
(*452)	500	4	13	21	45	60	64
GEC..	280	14½	23	27	4	8	15
(*290)	300	4½	12	18	14	18	24
Hanson..	240	14½	19	23	3	8	12
(*251)	260	4	9	13	13	19	23½
LASMO..	140	29	34	38	2½	8½	11
(*164)	160	13	22	27	7½	16	20
Lucas..	140	13	21	23	6	15	17
(*149½)	160	5	11	15	18	27	30
P & O..	500	45	58	67	6	24	35
(*535½)	550	14	30	42	26	50	62
Pilkingtn..	100	11	17	21	6	12	16
(*103)	110	4	13	16	13	18	23
Prudential.	300	14	21	25	6	15	21
(*306½)	330	3	8	13	26	36	39
RTZ..	650	30	44	57	13	34	43
(*662½)	700	9	20	36	44	67	75
Scot New..	420	26	41	48	4	12	22
(*435)	460	7	20	26	24	32	45
Tesco..	260	10	17	23	8	17	21
(*259)	280	3½	9	14	24	32	34
Thames W	460	26	38	44	4½	12	22
(*479)	500	5	17	21	24	30	45
Vodafone..	360	26	41	49	6½	15	22
(*376½)	390	9	24	32	21	30	37

FT-SE INDEX (*2805½)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Feb	124	76	42	18	7	2½
Mar	141	100	73	45	26	15
Apr	173	136	102	67	47	38
May	190	156	126	98	75	57
Jun	204	—	127	—	90	—
Puts						
Feb	7	17	34	64	102	134
Mar	21	36	56	82	117	142
Apr	33	51	65	88	180	154
May	48	61	83	102	132	165
Jun	60	—	100	—	155	—

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat..	360	19	28	35	15	22	27
(*368)	390	7	15	23	36	41	45
Amstrad..	20	5½	6	7	2	1½	2½
(*24)	25	2½	4	4½	3	4	5
Barclays..	420	25	34	40	25	34	45
(*420)	460	8½	18	24	53	62	73
Blue Circ..	220	21	28	34	16	27	32
(*225½)	240	11	18	26	27	38	44
Br Gas..	260	30	33	36	3	7½	10½
(*284)	280	14½	18	24	7½	16	20
	300	6	9½	14½	19	29	32
Dixons..	220	17	26	31	11	18	26
(*220½)	240	8½	18	22	25	31	38
Eurotnl..	390	38	55	68	20	32	38
(*406½)	420	25	40	54	38	45	57
Forte..	180	15	19	26	11	20	24
(*184)	200	7	12	18	22	32	36
Glaxo..	650	64	80	98	16	29	41
(*692½)	700	31	54	72	36	53	65
	750	14	34	53	74	85	95
HSBC..	500	53	61	72	13	27	35
(*538)	550	22	35	49	34	54	60
Hillsdwn..	140	16	21	25	8	17	20
(*144)	160	7	13	17	20	30	33
Lonrho..	70	9½	13½	16½	5½	8½	11
(*76)	80	5½	9	12	11	14	16½
Reuter..	1350	85	120	145	42	70	89
(*1394)	1400	52	90	123	70	95	115
R-Royce..	120	11	15	19	9	13	15½
(*126½)	130	6½	11½	15½	15	18½	21
Sears..	100	7½	10	14	6	9	12
(*99)	110	4	6	8½	12	16	18
Thrn Emi.	800	47	68	77	17	28	47
(*821½)	850	21	40	50	41	51	72
TSB..	160	12	16	25	7½	12	16
(*167)	180	4½	8	12	21	25	28
Vaal Reefs..	30	5	6	6½	3	4	4½
(*$34)	35	2½	4	4½	5½	6	8
Wellcome..	900	47	74	100	34	55	67
(*900½)	950	24	51	78	65	85	94

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Fisons..	220	19	30	38	21	32	37
(*215½)	240	13	20	30	34	45	51

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Eastrn Elc.	400	16	30	-	9	18	-
(*410)	430	4½	-	-	26	-	-

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Natl Pwr..	300	14	23	46	15	20	27
(*293½)	330	4	11	15	37	39	46
Scot Pwr..	220	12	19	23	6	9	15
(*223½)	240	4	9	13	18	21	27

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Cocoa futures closed little changed as the weakness of sterling helped to offset further losses in the New York market. Business was reasonably slow with losses in the US inspired by bearish sentiment on charts. The London market continued to hold in a fairly narrow band although the recent weakening in its structure was seen as indicative of the current lack of demand for physical cocoa.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Mar	704-703	May	797-796
May	717-715	Jul	809 BID
Jul	730-728	Sep	824 SLR
Sep	742-741	Dec	842 SLR
Dec	762-761		
Mar	785-783		Volume: 6159

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	884 EXP	Sep	898-897
Mar	895-894	Nov	917-912
May	898-897	Jan	930-910
Jul	889-888		Volume: 2060

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Oct	195.0-93.0
Spot: 180.5		Dec	196.0-92.0
Mar	188.0-86.0	Mar	197.0-93.0
May	195.0-93.8	May	198.0-97.0
Aug	196.0-94.6		Volume: 7

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	243.8-43.0
Spot: unq		Dec	244.3-43.0
Mar	254.0-53.5	Mar	246.7-42.5
May	255.8-55.0	May	250.2-43.5
Aug	259.6-57.5		Volume: 931

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 29

(p/kg lw)	Pigs	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	79.55	94.36	119.57
(+/-)	+4.06	-7.08	+3.17
Eng/Wales:	79.55	94.03	119.93
(+/-)	+4.06	+7.63	+3.21
(%)	-15.3	+56.8	-9.7
Scotland:	n/a	96.00	116.21
(+/-)	n/a	+5.80	+1.10
(%)	n/a	+2.5	-61.7

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (p/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Mar	unq	unq	Jun	105.0	105.0
Apr	unq	unq			Volume: 2

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	139.00
May	140.85
Jun	141.50
Sep	110.55
Nov	112.40
	Volume: 476

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	135.05
May	136.00
Sep	108.80
Nov	111.55
Jan	114.50
	Volume: 212

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Feb	158.50
Apr	155.00
Jun	145.00
Aug	146.00
Oct	unq
	Volume: 70

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	54.0	53.5
May	62.0	62.3
Apr	89.0	89.0
		Volume: 87

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Mar 68.25-67.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Threats that an American import tax on oil still loomed large and nervous traders nudged the market higher.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.45	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Feb)	18.50	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Mar)	18.45	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	20.20	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	20.25	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	188 (+2)	191 (+3)
Gasoil EEC	171 (+1)	172 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Feb	174 (n/c)	175 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Mar	174 (+1)	175 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	69 (-1)	70 (-1)
Naphtha	181 (+3)	183 (+3)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Feb	169.25-69.50	May	170.75-71.00
Mar	170.50-70.75	Jun	170.25-70.75
Apr	171.00 SLR	Jul	172.00-72.25
			Vol: 18858

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	18.43-18.46	Jun	18.55-18.60
Apr	18.46-18.48	Jul	unq
May	18.50 BID		Vol: 37725

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Feb	193.00-93.25	May	198.00-02.00
Mar	194.00-96.50	Jun	191.50 BID
Apr	200.00-07.00		Vol: 669

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 93			1276
Feb 93	1300	1284	1285
Mar 93	1300	1295	1293
Apr 93	1297	1290	1290

Vol: 130 lots. Open Int'st: 3507 Index 1278 -1

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3 mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1481.5-1482.0	1500.5-1501.0	786375
Lead (£/tonne)	283.50-283.75	293.00-293.50	53625
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1109.0-1109.5	1127.0-1127.5	702525
Tin ($/tonne)	5855.0-5865.0	5920.0-5925.0	4285
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1203.5-1204.0	1226.0-1226.5	475900
Nickel ($/tonne)	5818.0-5820.0	5880.0-5881.0	68988

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Strength tells as Edberg and Courier set up Australian Open showdown

Power struggle resumes in final

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN MELBOURNE

IT WILL be a case of same time, same place for Stefan Edberg and Jim Courier, the two strong men of the game, who meet for the second successive year in the final of the Australian Open tomorrow. Twelve months ago, the American came out on top in four sets, avenging his thorough beating by the Swede in the final of the 1991 US Open.

Yesterday, in the semi-finals, Edberg proved too strong mentally and physically for an out-of-sorts Pete Sampras, winning 7-6, 6-3, 7-6, and Courier ground down Michael Stich's resistance to win 7-6, 6-4, 6-2. Not since the US Open in 1977 have all men's quarter and semi-finals been won in straight sets.

"Why not?" Edberg said when asked about playing Courier for the third time in a grand slam tournament final. "It is a little bit different from last year when I was the No. 1 and he was the underdog." This time, Courier is the No. 1 and Edberg the challenger. Despite his back trouble, Edberg feels in "better shape" than last year, when he had just returned from injury, but he acknowledged that Courier is playing at least as well now. "He has been moving well and hitting the ball very cleanly," he said. "But he's not unbeatable."

Stich might beg to differ. Hard as he tried, he simply cannoned off Courier's armoury. The German's one chance was to take an early lead but, though he broke in the third game for what proved the only time, he had difficulty serving into the sun and was immediately broken back. A terrible volley error in the tie-break effectively sealed Stich's fate, and the defending champion remorselessly took control thereafter.

Whoever takes the title, Courier and Edberg have proved themselves indisputably the toughest match-players in the business. From the start of the US Open, where he recovered from a break down in the final set to win his fourth-round, quarter-final and semi-final matches — the last a marathon victory over Michael Chang — Edberg has found a depth to his spirit which has made a mockery of the "fragile: handle with care" notices pinned on him early in his career.

"The difference between him today and, say, two years ago is that he now knows which points are important and which are not," Tony Pickard, his coach, said yesterday. "After the way he won the US Open, he will never have a problem believing he can make it."

In boxing, such experience would be termed ring craft, a quality that Sampras has yet to learn. When he does, he will be a formidable opponent. "It just seems that when he needs that big point, he gets it and I struggle a bit. That's the difference," he said.

Edberg was 4-0 down in the first set, 4-1 down in the third, but gently and serenely worked his way back to take both tie-breaks. Sampras, the No. 3 seed and many people's favourite for the title, did not help his own cause. Instead of tightening the screw, he served two double-faults to give Edberg a precious break back to 4-1 in the first set, and two more in his next service game as the Swede swept through the next three games to level at 4-4. That, you felt, was the match settled there and then. "He let me off the hook a bit," Edberg said.

Sampras, who was suffering from sore shins, was disappointed with his service, the linchpin of his game, and his state of mind. "It lets me down at vital moments when I rely on it," he said. In contrast to Edberg, whose volleying was mostly solid and, at times, spectacular, Sampras made too many errors at the net, most notably an overhit forehand which cost him the first set tie-break.

After one break had decided the second set, Sampras discovered his service return long enough to break once more early in the third. Momentarily riled by a let, he gently tweaked the ear of the offending net judge and let loose a barrage of 120mph services. He led 4-1 and 5-2 before his sixth double-fault allowed Edberg back into the match once and for all.

To cap a good day for Pickard, who doubles as British Davis Cup captain, two promising British juniors, Jamie Delgado and James Baily, continued their run in the boys' singles. Delgado beat Andrew Ilie and Baily outhit Martin Hromec in straight sets to reach the semi-finals.

RESULTS: Men: Singles: Semi-finals: J Courier (US) bt M Stich (Ger), 7-6, 6-4, 6-2; S Edberg (Swe) bt P Sampras (US), 7-6, 6-3, 7-6. Woman: Doubles: Semi-finals: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belarus) bt P Pendick (US) and A Strnadova (Cz), 6-2, 7-5; P Shriver (US) and E Smylie (Aus) bt J Hetherington (Can) and K Rinaldi (US), 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. Mixed doubles: Semi-finals: A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) and T Woodbridge (Aus) bt J Hetherington and G Michibata (Can), 6-3, 6-3.

Swedish souvenir: Edberg hits the ball into the crowd after securing his semi-final victory over Sampras

England avoid stronger rivals

David Hands on a favourable World Cup draw for England

ENGLAND, the runners-up in the 1991 rugby union World Cup, have far greater cause for satisfaction from the draw, made yesterday, for the 1995 tournament than Australia, the holders of the trophy. For once, England do not have a top-six playing rival in their pool and, provided they keep winning, will remain at sea level until the final.

Details of the tournament were announced yesterday in Cape Town, at the end of two weeks of meetings between Rugby World Cup (RWC) directors and political and sporting leaders in South Africa. That they coincided with President F W de Klerk's portentous address to what could be the last parliament elected under the present constitution, when he warned that "a devastating war will ensue if negotiation does not succeed", will be cold comfort to rugby.

The tournament will open on May 25 — a Thursday — when South Africa, the hosts, will play Australia in Cape Town. The final is scheduled for Ellis Park, Johannesburg, on June 24.

However, Australia, assuming they negotiate their opening hurdle at sea level, must play their quarter-final at altitude in Bloemfontein if they win group A, and then revert to Durban for the semi-final.

England, pooled with Western Samoa, the American zone qualifier (probably Argentina) and the European qualifying runner-up (possibly Italy), will play two games in Durban and one at Pietermaritzburg. If successful, they will play a quarter-final in Port Elizabeth with the prospect of a semi-final in Cape Town.

Scotland, pooled with France, will play at altitude, in Rustenburg and Pretoria, and face a quarter-final against Australia or South Africa. Ireland, seeded in New Zealand's group, are based in Johannesburg and, depending on the qualifying tournaments, may find themselves up against Wales.

POOLS: A: Australia, Canada, South Africa, Europe third qualifier. B: England, Western Samoa, American qualifier, Europe second qualifier. C: New Zealand, Ireland, Europe first qualifier, Asian qualifier. D: Scotland, France, Pacific qualifier, African qualifier.

RUGBY UNION

Dooley expected to confirm fitness after thigh injury

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

A CURIOUS hiatus creeps into the English game today — suspended competitive animation you might call it — but any weekend which produces two international squads and a crop of critical club matches in Wales and Ireland can hardly be described as inactive.

The England team to play Wales in a week's time will be confirmed at Twickenham tomorrow, the only query being whether Wade Dooley can confirm his fitness playing for Preston Grasshoppers against Liverpool St Helens today and reclaim his second-row place from Martin Johnson. Dooley has trained hard this week, after the thigh injury which led to his withdrawal from the team which beat France, and is expected to return.

The French selectors meet tomorrow to choose the team to play Scotland. Assuming they retain Didier Camberabero at stand-off half, the team will be unchanged: Philippe Sella and Thierry Lacroix, the centres injured at Twickenham, have recovered.

Ireland, who are not involved in the next round of five nations' championship matches, have a squad session at Lansdowne Road. There is a twist in this weekend's tale: Neil Francis, a replacement against Scotland, has not been picked by his club, Blackrock College, because of a calf injury. Francis, potentially the best lock in Ireland, was named instead in the Blackrock second team to play at Monkstown tomorrow.

However, at the request of the Irish selectors, he will be a guest today in the Monkstown first team in a friendly against the leaders of the All-Ireland League, Young Munster, in Limerick. That should prove a stern examination.

In the same city, those ancient rivals, Garryowen and Cork Constitution, meet. Some 10,000 will pour into Doorodoyle to see whether Garryowen, league winners last season but now trailing badly because of their poor away form, can overcome Constitution, who will go top if they win.

The England squad for the A international against Italy at Bath on Wednesday has been amended to include — for the first time at this level — Stuart Potter, the Leicester centre. He comes in for John Buckton, of Saracens, who is unavailable because of business commitments. The squad assembles tomorrow and remains together for the following three days.

Two changes to the replacements bring in Matt Greenwood, of Wasps, and Darren Garforth, of Leicester, for Dean Ryan and Martin Hynes, who are also unavailable.

Harlequins, pondering the adverse eligibility verdict on Troy Coker, the Australian, field an antipodean pair in the friendly against London Irish today: their second row comprises Coker and David Dix, the lock in his second year at Cambridge University.

Scotland's two senior wings, Tony Stanger and Derek Stark, have been named in the party which will prepare for the Rugby World Cup sevens in April with a three-week tour, including visits to Canberra, Suva and Hong Kong, in March. Scotland are not involved in the final round of five nations' matches, on March 20, and can therefore concentrate on sevens.

SCOTLAND SEVENS SQUAD: A Stanger (Hawick), D Stark (Boroughmuir), N Appleson (London Scottish), M Dode (Gala), M Walker (Boroughmuir), G Townsend (Gala), A Nicol (Dundee HSFP), B Renwick (Hawick), A Roxburgh (Kelso), J Corcoran (Gala, captain), C Hogg (Melrose), I Morrison (London Scottish). Manager: D Morgan. Coach: J Jeffrey.

Heineken League

First division

Llanelli v Aberavon

Iestyn Evans plays his first match since December 5, lasting his hamstring on Llanelli's wing. Ricky Evans rests before his international debut, against England, as Joseph props, Lloyd Davies makes his league debut at full back and Quinnell (No. 8) and Fox (hooker) return from long-term injuries. Graham plays his first game on Aberavon's wing since returning from Maesteg and Jardine returns to the centre after a ten-week lay-off.

Neath v Swansea

It is 12 years since Swansea won at The Gnoll, but they need victory to maintain pressure on Cardiff, who have a game in hand, at the top of the league. The brothers Jones meet at scrum half, Rhodri for Neath and Robert for Swansea, while Woodland plays his first league game in Neath's centre since moving from Maesteg. Barclay, late of Neath, makes his league debut on the wing for Swansea, who have Hopkins back at centre but rest Webster because of a slight leg strain.

Maesteg v Newbridge

Down in the basement, both clubs hope for a boost in fortunes. Maesteg have Huw Lewis back at scrum half where Newbridge are without the injured Fealey. His place goes to John and Waters takes over the captaincy; Pook is back at No. 8 but illness may prevent Henfee playing full back.

Pontypool v Newport

Nigel Mask takes the traditional weekend off before his international debut as Rogers hooks for Pontypool in this long-standing Gwent derby. Hansen keeps the stand-off berth warm for Ring and Gareth Taylor comes in at lock. Newport have George back to lead them from the flank and Dibble, the former Pontypool prop, makes his league debut.

SW Police v Cardiff

Top of the table plays bottom with the Police resting Williams-Jones, the Welsh prop, because of an ankle knock. Donovan and Parfitt form an international centre pairing but Legge moves to lock to cover for injuries. Cardiff had hoped to field the XV that beat Pontypridd on Tuesday but Sedgemore has a damaged ankle and ends a run of 32 consecutive league games.

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

Premier League
Chelsea v Sheffield Wed
Coventry v Wimbledon
Crystal Palace v Tottenham
Everton v Norwich
Ipswich v Man Utd (all ticket)
Leeds v Middlesbrough
Man City v Blackburn
Nottm Forest v Oldham
Sheffield Utd v QPR
Southampton v Aston Villa

Barclays League
First division
Barnsley v Portsmouth
Birmingham v Cambridge Utd
Brentford v Bristol Rovers
Bristol City v Luton
Charlton v Notts County
Leicester v West Ham
Oxford Utd v Millwall
Peterborough v Southend
Swindon v Wolverhampton
Tranmere v Sunderland
Watford v Grimsby

Second division
Bolton v Brighton
Bradford v Plymouth
Burnley v Stockport
Chester v Hull
Exeter v Blackpool
Hartlepool v Rotherham
Leyton Orient v Reading
Mansfield v Swansea
Port Vale v Bournemouth
Preston v Fulham
West Brom v Huddersfield
Wigan v Stoke

Third division
Cardiff v Walsall
Chesterfield v Northampton
Crewe v Scarborough
Hereford v Darlington
Rochdale v Wrexham
Scunthorpe v Halifax
York v Lincoln

GM Vauxhall Conference
Altrincham v Stafford
Bath v Northwich
Kidderminster v Macclesfield
Woking v Yeovil

Scottish League
Premier division
Airdrie v Dundee
Celtic v Motherwell
Dundee Utd v Hearts
Falkirk v Aberdeen
Hibernian v Rangers
St Johnstone v Partick

First division
Clydebank v Ayr
Dunfermline v Hamilton
Kilmarnock v Raith
Meadowbank v Morton
St Mirren v Dumbarton

Second division
Albion v East Stirling
Berwick v East Fife
Brechin v Alloa
Montrose v Arbroath
Queen of the South v Queen's Park
Stenhousemuir v Clyde
Stranraer v Forfar

FA Trophy
Second round
Billingham Synthonia v Winsford
Bishop Auckland v Warrington Town
Bromsgrove v Dagenham and R
Chesham v Dover
Famborough v Enfield
Gateshead v Heybridge Swifts
Gloucester v Runcorn
Kingstonian v Telford
Morecambe v Wycombe (2.0)
Northallerton Town v Bashley
Nuneaton v Marine
St Albans v Witton
Slaybridge v Merthyr
Stevenage Borough v Grays
Sutton Utd v Slough
Welling v Boston

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor v Hendon; Carshalton v Basingstoke; Hayes v Bromley; Marlow v Harrow; Staines v Wokingham; Wivenhoe v Windsor and Eton; Yeading v Dulwich. First division: Abingdon Town v Wembley; Aveley v Boreham Wood; Barking v Chalfont St Peter; Bishop's Stortford v Lewes; Dorking v Purfleet; Hitchin v Whyteleafe; Maidenhead Utd v Leyton; Tooting and Mitcham v Billericay Town; Walton and Hersham v Uxbridge. Second division: Banstead Ath v Barton Rovers; Berkhamsted Town v Tilbury; Chertsey v Edgware; Hampton v Leatherhead; Hemel Hempstead v Ware; Malden Vale v Worthing; Newbury Town v Metropolitan Police; Rainham v Hungerford; Saffron Walden v Ruislip Manor; Southall v Egham; Witham v Harefield. Third division: Camberley v Thame Utd; Cove v Bracknell; Collier Row v Tring; Cove v Horsham; Feltham and Hounslow v Royston; Horsham v Hertford; Kingsbury v East Thurrock; Leighton v Aldershot Town; Northwood v Flackwell Heath; Petersfield v Epsom and Ewell.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton v Frickley; Colwyn Bay v Emley; Fleetwood v Gainsborough; Goole v Southport; Horwich v Barrow; Leek v Accrington Stanley; Matlock v Chorley; Mossley v Whitley Bay. First division: Alfreton v Curzon Ashton; Caernarfon v Rossendale Utd; Eastwood v Knowsley; Formby Celtic v Workington; Great Harwood v Harrogate Town; Gretna v Bridlington Town; Lancaster City v Guiseley; Radcliffe Borough v Netherfield; Shepshed Albion v Congleton Town; Worksop Town v Ashton United.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton v Chelmsford; Cambridge City v Cheltenham; Dorchester v Atherstone; Solihull v Hednesford; Trowbridge v Halesowen; VS Rugby v Crawley; Waterlooville v Weymouth; Worcester v Corby. Midland division: Bilston v Grantham; Bridgnorth v Bedworth; Dudley v Weston-super-Mare; Forest Green v Leicester Utd; Gresley Rovers v Stourbridge; King's Lynn v Newport AFC; Sutton Coldfield v Barr; Tamworth v Rushden and Diamonds; Yate v Hinckley Town. Southern division: Buckingham v Andover; Burnham v Bury Town; Canterbury City v Braintree; Dunstable v Havant; Erith and Belvedere v Salisbury; Fareham v Ashford; Gravesend and Northfleet v Wealdstone; Newport IoW v Fisher; Poole v Baldock; Stringbourne v Witney.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge United v Ipswich; Charlton v Portsmouth; Chelsea v Fulham; Millwall v Tottenham; QPR v Norwich; Southend v Arsenal; Watford v Leyton Orient; West Ham v Gillingham. Second division: Bournemouth v Bristol City; Brentford v Swindon; Brighton v Bristol Rovers; Oxford Utd v Luton; Southampton v Crystal Palace; Tottenham v Colchester; Wimbledon v Reading.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth Spartans v Whitby Town; Consett v Peterlee Newtown; Easington Colliery v Morton; Fenyhill Athletic v Durham City; Guisborough Town v Chester-le-Street; Seaham Red Star v Tow Law; Stockton v Newcastle Blue Star; West Auckland v Brandon.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v Harrogate Railway; Brigg v Thackley; Eccleshill United v Pontefract; Gainsborough Wellgate v North Ferriby; Liversedge v Armthorpe Wellfare; Maltby MW v Winterton Rangers; Ossett Town v Ossett Albion; Pickering v Stocksbridge PS; Sheffield v Ashfield United; Spennymoor v Dunsby. First division: Bentley Colliery v Hall Road Rangers; Carlton Town v Selby Town; Garforth Town v Glasshoughton Welfare; Hallam v Armthorpe Welfare; Maltby MW v Winterton Rangers; Ossett Town v Ossett Albion; Pickering v Stocksbridge PS; Sheffield v Ashfield United; Spennymoor v Dunsby.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Old Parkonians v Old Esthamnians; Carshalton v West Wickham; Old Bromleians v Civil Service; Ruislip Manor v Ibis; Southgate Olympic v Old Salesians; Alexandra Park v Lensbury; Polytechnic v Kew Association; Lloyds Bank v Old Stationers; East Barnet Old v Alleyn OB; Old Latymerians v Brentham; Old Westminster Citizens v Cuaco; Bank of England v Reigate Priory; Merton v Royal Bank of Scotland.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Saltash Utd; Bristol Manor Farm v Chippenham; Chard v Torrington; Clevedon v Dawlish; Liskeard Athletic v Frome; Mangotsfield v Exmouth; Minehead v Elmore; Plymouth Argyle v Paulton Rovers; Tiverton v Taunton; Westbury v Torquay United.

MONDIAL LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor v Llandudno; Briton Ferry v Haverfordwest (2.15); Conwy v Holywell (2.30); Cwmbran v Abergavenny; Ebbw Vale v Afan Lido; Flint v Mold; Llanelli v Inter Cardiff (2.30); Maesteg Park v Aberystwyth; Newtown v Connah's Quay; Porthmadog v Caerau.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Lamont Pils Trophy: Weshoughton v Bootle; Castleton Gabriels v Oldham Town; Maghull v Formby; Atherton Collieries v Burnley Bank; Hall Elsemere Port v Holker OB. First division: Atherton LR v Newcastle Town; Bacup Borough v Moline Road; Blackpool Rovers v Bamber Bridge; Bradford Park Avenue v Blackpool Mechanics; Chadderton v Eastwood Hanley; Darwen v Flixton; Glossop North End v Burscough; Nantwich v Clitheroe; Penrith v Skelmersdale Utd; Prescot v Kidsgrove Ath; Salford City v St Helens Town.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Portadown; Ballyclare v Carrick; Crusaders v Cliftonville; Glenavon v Ballymena; Larne v Coleraine; Linfield v Distillery; Newry v Bangor; Omagh Town v Glenavon.

FONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Manchester United (2.0).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men: First division: Birmingham Bullets v Derby Bucks (7.30); Guildford Kings v Cheshire Jets (8.0); Hemel Hempstead Royals v Leicester Riders (8.0); Oldham Celtics v Thames Valley Tigers (8.0); Worthing Bears v London Towers (8.0). Second division: Bury Lobos v Plymouth Raiders (7.30); Crystal Palace v Ware Rebels (7.30); Coventry Flyers v Lewisham Lightning (7.30); Solent v Barnsley Generals (8.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Silk Cut Challenge Cup
First round
Warrington v Castleford

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Men: Reebok Liverpool City v Polonia Ealing; Newcastle v Tooting Aquila; Leeds VC v Wessex; Team Mizuno Medway Lewisham v Speedwell Rucanor. Women: Britannia Music v Dynamo London.

RUGBY UNION

2.30 unless stated

Swalec Cup
Fifth round
Pontypridd v Pencoed

Heineken National League
First division
Llanelli v Aberavon
Maesteg v Newbridge
Neath v Swansea
Pontypool v Newport
Sth Wales Police v Cardiff

Second division
Blaina v Llanharan
Cross Keys v Abertillery
Durvant v Narberth
Glamorgan Wndrs v Ebbw Vale
Tenby Utd v Llandovery
Tredegar v Penarth

THIRD DIVISION: Aberavon Quins v Kenilg Hill; Abercynon v Rumney; Blackwood v Mountain Ash; Bonymaen v Tumble; St Peter's v Treorchy; Wrexham v Pontypool Utd.

FOURTH DIVISION: Cardiff Quins v Builth Wells; Cardigan v Cilfynydd; Ruthin v Garndiffaith; Tondu v Colwyn Bay; Vardre v Kidwelly; Ystradgynlais v Carmarthen.

McEwan's National League
First division
Currie v Stirling County
Edinburgh Acads v Heriot's FP
Hawick v Gala
Jed-Forest v Selkirk
Watsonians v Glasgow High/K

Second division
Clarkston v Kirkcaldy
Dunfermline v W of Scotland
Edinburgh Wndrs v Peebles
Glasgow Acads v Musselburgh
Grangemouth v Stewart's Melville FP
Kilmarnock v Ayr

THIRD DIVISION: Hutchenson's Aloy v Royal High; Morgan Acad FP v Howe of Fife; St Boswells v Langholm.

Insurance Corporation
All Ireland League
First division
Ballymena v Shannon
Garryowen v Constitution
Old Wesley v Dungannon
St Mary's College v Greystones

Second division
Blackrock College v Instonians
Galwegians v Wanderers
Lansdowne v Dolphin
Old Crescent v Bangor
Terenure v Clontarf

Club matches
Askeans v Bedford
Aspatria v Kelso
Basingstoke v Exeter
Broughton Park v Loughborough St
Coventry v Leicester (3.0)
Dundee HSFP v Musselburgh
Fylde v Durham
Harrogate v Melrose
Havant v London Scottish
Leeds v Vale of Lune
London Irish v Harlequins (3.0)
Morley v Middlesbrough (3.0)
Newcastle Gosforth v Rugby (3.0)
Northampton v Moseley (3.0)
Nuneaton v Blackheath (3.0)
Orrell v Bristol
Otley v Waterloo
Plymouth v Bath
Preston Gr v Liverpool St H
Richmond v Nottingham
Rotherham v West Hartlepool (2.15)
Sale v Gloucester (3.0)
Saracens v London Welsh
Sheffield v Cambridge Univ
Southend v Towcestrians
Wasps v Rosslyn Park (3.0)
Weston-super-Mare v Cheltenham
PROVINCIAL INSURANCE CUP: Quarter-final: North: Old Northamptonians v Fleetwood.
LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Herts Merit Table: St Albans v Hitchin. Middlesex: Kingsburians v Sudbury Court; Mill Hill v Harrow. Southern Merit Table: Maidenhead v High Wycombe; Marlow v Bournemouth. Club matches: Alton v Worthing; Barking v Rochford; Beaconsfield v Carlaurs; Berteshangar v Hastings; Biggleswade v Letchworth; Braintree v Shelford; Bury St Edmunds v Chelmsford; Camberley v Portsmouth; Canterbrians v Cambridge; Canterbury v Dartfordians; Charlton Park v Old Brocksiens; Chingford v Wimbish; Cranbrook v Wadhurst; Crawley v Redhill; Crowborough v Meopham; Crusaders v Norwich; Eastleigh v Swanage and Wareham; Erith v Bromley; Eton Manor v Bishop's Stortford; Gillingham Anchorians v Dover; Guildford and G v Esher; Hertford v Aylesbury; Maidstone v Leighton Buzzard; Maldon v Ipswich; May and Baker v Southgate; Norwich Lions v Holt; Old Albanians v Hendon; Old Beccehamians v Purley; Old Blues v Old Mid-Whitgiftians; Old Edwardians v Hackney; Old Elizabethan v Old Haileyburians; Old Gaytonians v Finchley; Old Juddians v Hoshiers; Old Meadonians v Northolt; Old Walcountians v East Grinstead; Orpington v Deal; Portsmouth v Camberley; Redbridge v Romford and Gidea Park; Reddingensians v Ruislip; Saracens Crusaders v Tabard; Saffron Walden v Harlow; Southend v Towcestrians; Sudbury v Syston; Thurrock v Reading; Upper Clapton v Westcombe Park; US Portsmouth v Met Police; Courage v Old Emanuel; Welwyn v Wanstead; Winchester v Heathens; Woodford v Colchester.
MIDLANDS: Club matches: Alcester v Birmingham Welsh; Aston Oft v Willenhall; Aylestonians v Ashbourne; Aylestone St James v Old Laurentians; Bedford Ath v Amber Valley; Biggleswade v Letchworth; Bingham v Bristall Colt; Blenheim v Five Ways OB; Birmingham and Solihull v Selly Oak; Boots v Anstey; Brignorth v Market Drayton; Bromsgrove v Westleigh; Budon v Uttoxeter; Cleethorpes v Barton; Covenarians v Birmingham CS; Daventry v Hinckley; Derby v Old Yardleians; Donington v Melbourne; Dudley Kings v Camphill; East Leake v Clarion; Eccleshall v Burntwood; Edwardians v Old Centrals; Erdington v Dunlop; GEC Coventry v Nottingham Casuals; Kidderminster C v Newport; Kings Norton v Nuneaton OE; Huntingdon v Datchworth.
Illesston v Kesteven; Leamington v Tamworth; Lincoln v Derby; Loughborough v Evesham; Luton v Fullerians; Manor Park v Beckenham; Market Bosworth v Wigston; Meaden v Gloucester Spartans; Meden Vale v Bourne; Melton v Nottinghamians; Merton Mowbray v Stamford; Milton Keynes v St Ives; Modems v Thorneslans; Newark v Sandal; Newbold v Hinckley; Northampton Mens Own v Trinity Guild; Northampton OS v Stewarts and Lloyds; Old Coventrians v Lutterworth; Old Laurentians v Stanford and Pitt; Old Haileyburians v Whitchurch; Old Longleonians v Kenilworth; Old Newhamians v Coalville; Old Oaks v GEC St Leonards; Old Salleksians v Spartans; Olney v Coventry Welsh; Oswestry v Bournville; Oundle v Brackley; Pinley v Old Modernians; Redditch v Old Warwickians; Selby v Chesterfield; Silhillians v Handsworth; Slaughter v Long Buckby; Southam v Coventry Saracens; South Leicester v Belgrave; Stoke v Wolverhampton; Stoplewood Park v Cheshunt; Stoneygate v Broad Street; Stourbridge v Stroud; Stratford v Stoke OB; Sutton Coldfield v Burton; Telford v Keresley; Vipers v Paviors; Walsall v Berkswich Butts; Warley v West Midlands Police; Warwick v Earlsdon; West Leicester v Coventry PO; Witton v Atherstone; Woodcraft v Droitwich; Yardley and District v Wednesbury.
SOUTH WEST: Club matches: Avonvale v Wells; Axminster v Wincanton; Beckwell v Redings; Bath OE v Old Ashtonians; Berryhill v Mawbury; Bodmin v Old Cryptic Colts; Bridgwater v Worcester; Bristol Univ v Oxford Univ; Bude v Wadebridge; Camborne v Brixham; Cinderford v Ludlow; Cleve v Bristol Harlequins; Clevedon v Whitehall; Crediton v Wellington; Devon and Cornwall Police v Teignmouth; Dings v Barton Hill; Dorchester v Barnstaple; Gordano v Bristol Saracens; Gordon League v Stafford; Keynsham v Chelten-ham North; Liskeard-Looe v Illogan Park; Llanelly Fowey v Redruth Wanderers; Lydney v Cheltenham and Gloucester Coll; Marlons v Victoria; Midsomer Norton v Tor; Newquay Hornets v St Ives; Newton Abbot v Exmouth; Oldfield OB v St Mary's OB; Oxford v Birmingham and Solihull; Penryn v Falmouth; Pershore v Bideford; Redruth v Truro; St Austell v Tavistock; St Just v Redruth Albany; Sidmouth v Okehampton; Taunton v Devonport Services; Tolnes v Cullompton; Torquay v Clifton; Trenton v Exeter Saracens; Yatton v Draybrook; Withycombe v Yeovil.
NORTH: Club matches: Alnwick v Corbridge; Aspatria v Kelso; Berwick v Whitley Bay; Bishop Auckland v Wallsend; Blackpool v Bowdon; Blyth v Ryton; Burnage v Newton-le-Willows; Chester v Wirrallow; Gateshead Fell v Ripon; Goole v Beverley; Halifax v Widnes; Hallfax Vandals v Dinnington; Harrogate v Melrose; Hartlepool v Ashington; Hartlepool Rovers v Blaydon; Heaton Moor v Eccles; Horden v Darlington; Hoylake v Caldy; Huddersfield v Hull Ionians; Keighley v Old Crossleyans; Kendal v Birkenhead Park; Leigh v Merseyside Police; Lymm v Orrell; New Brighton v Wigan; Northern v Lichfield; North Shields v Seaham; Old Brodleians v Northwich; Oldham v Ashton-on-Mersey; Ormskirk v St Edwards OB; Rotherham v Middlestrough; Roundhegians v Scunthorpe; Ruskin Pk v Selby; Sedgley Pk v Barnsley; Sheffield Tigers v Grimsby; Tyldesley v Ashton-under-Lyne; Weston v Rector; West Park, St Helens v Old Alcuinians; West Park Bramhope v Pocklington; York v Pontefract; York RI v Driffield.

FOOTBALL

Premier League
Arsenal v Liverpool (4.0)

Barclays League
First division
Newcastle v Derby (2.55) (all ticket)

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clevedon Town v Liskeard Athletic.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Premier division (2.0): Arsenal v Maidstone Tigresses (12.0); Red Star Southampton v Bronte; Ipswich v Doncaster Belles; Knowsley Utd v Wimbledon; Millwall Lionesses v Stanion Rangers.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division (2.30): Cork City v Dundalk; Drogheda Utd v Shamrock Rovers; Limerick v Derry City; St Patrick's Ath v Bray Wanderers; Waterford v Sligo.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: First round (3.0): Bradford v Workington; Chorley v Batley (8.15); Dewsbury v Wigan (2.30); Featherstone v St Helens (8.30); Halifax v Carlisle; Huddersfield v Nottingham City (3.30); Hull KR v Bramley (8.15); Hunslet v Ryedale-York (3.30); Keighley v Highfield (3.15); Leeds v Barrow; Oldham v London Crusaders; Rochdale v Doncaster; Salford v Wakefield; Sheffield v Leigh (3.15); Whitehaven v Widnes (3.30)

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: Men: Leicester Riders v Oldham Celtics (8.0); London Towers v Thames Valley Tigers (8.0); Sunderland Saints v Manchester Giants (8.0). Second division: London Topcats v Doncaster Panthers (4.0); Crystal Palace v Bury Lobos (2.0); Middlesboro Mohawks v Cardiff (3.45). Women: National Trophy: Semi-finals: Bilston v Sunderland; Cardiff v Milton Keynes. National Cup: Semi-finals: Ipswich v Sheffield; Northampton v Milton Keynes.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Boumville v Hounslow (Birmingham University, 2.30); Bromley v Southgate (Crystal Palace, 1.30); Cannock v Old Loughtonians (Manor Ground, 2.30); Havant v Canterbury (Havant College, 2.15); Neston v Surbiton (Neston RC, 2.0); Slough v Wolton (Wexham School, 2.0); St Albans v Stourport (Clarence Park, 2.0); Teddington v East Grinstead (Teddington School, 2.30); Trojans v Firebrands (Trojans HC, 1.30). Second division: Barford Tigers v Beeston (Holyhead LC, Birmingham, 1.0); Brean v Cambridge City (King Alfred SC, 12.0); Brooklands v Harborne (The Pavilion, Sale, 2.0); Chelmsford v Reading (Chelmer Park, 2.0); Cheltenham v Doncaster (Bournside School, 2.0); Harleston Magpies v Warrington (Harleston Magpies HC, 2.0); Lyons v Ipsa (Whitfield School, Brent Cross, 2.30); Old Kingstonians v Indian Gymkhana (Lansbury Ground, 2.0); Richmond v Guilford (Teddington School, 2.0).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell Bees v Whitley Warriors; Durham Wasps v Norwich/Peterboro; Fife Flyers v Billingham Bombers; Humberside Seahawks v Cardiff Devils; Murrayfield Racers v Nottingham Panthers. First division: Lee Valley Lions v Telford Tigers; Medway Bears v Solihull Sharks; Romford Raiders v Slough Jets; Sheffield Steelers v Basingstoke Beavers.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Men: Reebok Liverpool City v Wessex. Women: Woolwich Bolton v Sale; Leeds v Ashcombe Dorking; Wessex v London Lynx.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Welsh championship final (Carlewood).
SNOOKER: Regal Welsh championship (Newport).

ICE HOCKEY

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England v Scotland (Sheffield Arena, 12.30).

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Premier division: Hampstead/Westminster v Surbiton; Hounslow v Richmond; Old Kingstonians v Old Loughtons; Southgate v St Albans; Teddington v Bromley.
NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Blueharts v Redbridge; Broxbourne v Ipswich; Bury St Edmunds v Peterborough; Dereham v Colchester; Ford v Cambridge Univ; Norwich City v Bishop's Stortford; Pelicans v West Herts; Stevenage v Luton; Welbech v Chorley.
ERNST AND YOUNG LEAGUE: Premier division: Midlands: Belper v Olton; Derby v Coventry and NW; Edgbaston v Bridgnorth; Hampton in Arden v Khalsa; Worcester Norton v Leicester Westleigh.

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Pearl International Games (Kelvin Hall, Glasgow).
SNOOKER: Regal Welsh championship (Newport).

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British 400 metres record-holder planning to upstage Americans

Grindley laps up the spotlight

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

"CONGRATULATIONS to him, but his timing was a bitch," Derek Redmond remarked the morning after David Grindley had broken his British 400 metres record at the Barcelona Olympics. Had the protective team management offered Grindley the stage of a press conference, as they had to Redmond, a counter-claim would no doubt have been made.

The timing of Redmond's command of the spotlight, unfortunate as it was for him, was distressing for Grindley, too. Grindley stole the British record from Redmond, but Redmond stole the headlines from Grindley.

Redmond's attempt to finish his semi-final on one leg after tearing a hamstring was an image of anguish not seen on a track since Mary Decker's tearful departure from the Los Angeles Olympic stadium in 1984. Grindley's 44.47sec in a different semi-final beat Redmond's British record by 0.03. But, thanks to Redmond's heroics, it was down in the small print. And Grindley was down in the dumps over his lack of media attention.

Roger Black, replaced by Grindley as Europe's No. 1, counselled the teenager in Barcelona to convince him that, once back home, he would realise that people had noticed. Grindley is more cheerful now that Black has been proved right.

When his local sports centre in Wigan opened its fitness centre, it was not enough to have Martin Offiah and the rest of the rugby league team there — they wanted Grindley as well. And when *A Question of Sport* called — he appeared this week — he knew he was important. The night the programme was shown he went to the pub and people were pointing at him. How he loved it.

Today, at the Pearl International Games in Glasgow, Grindley, 20, has his first race of the year. When he talks of his targets for 1993 it is easy to forget that he is still the European *junior* champion.

"My main aim is a medal at the world championships, then maybe Commonwealth record, European record," he said. "I am not really the established No. 1 in Britain yet, so I want to be more consistent this season. Though I have run 44.4, my plateau is around 45.5. Hopefully I will be running 44.9s this season."

There will be no fireworks today and, if he takes a thrashing from Michael Johnson, it will not worry him unduly. "I never run really well in my first race," Grindley said. "I ran 48.1 last year and ended the indoor season with 46.6." It gave him an unexpected bronze medal in the European indoor championships.

He will run the main indoor meetings in Britain, but skip the world indoor championships. As his coach, Chris Butler, explained, he does not need them. "It is important on the development curve to have exposure, so you can be selected for races, and the indoor season last season was a way of gaining exposure," Butler said. Sixth in the Olympics, Grindley can get into any race he wants now.

His training is known for its severity and includes a two-hour session up steps in the Japanese gardens near his home in Hindley. His endurance is sound, but speed needs working on. His 200 metres best is 21.50sec and Butler says he needs to be capable of reaching halfway in "20 point-something". He adds: "The next step forward will come from going through half a second quicker."

With that in mind, Grindley is rare, if not unique, among leading British 400 metres runners in using altitude training, not to improve oxygen-carrying capacity but to enhance leg speed. The thin air which benefits sprinters enables him, as Butler puts it, "to rehearse running quickly".

Grindley is now way ahead of the achievements of his father, a useful 880 yards runner. "He stopped running because he played in a band that made the charts twice," Grindley said. "He was on the road a lot, then along came the Beatles and ruined it all for him." Grindley hopes he can have the same effect on American domination of the 400 metres.

GERRY CROWTHER

At the gateway to success: Grindley takes a breather during one of his exhausting training runs

HOCKEY

Leaky Leicester in nail-biting battle against relegation

By Alix Ramsay

AFTER three seasons as runners-up to Slough in the women's national league, Leicester are embroiled in a battle against relegation. Today's match with Doncaster, who are also in trouble, should bring them maximum points, but on their present form, nothing is certain.

Leicester, once renowned for their impenetrable defence and penalty-corner accuracy, have this season one of the worst defensive records, leaking a dozen goals and scoring only seven from 60 corners.

"We don't really know what is wrong, and that is part of the problem," Kathy Johnson, the England and Great Britain defender, said. "Early on, we played the weaker teams, created chances, and didn't score. I don't think we have improved as a team, while I can see the other sides have come on a lot."

One of their main problems is the new law on penalty corners. With the ball having to travel an extra yard before the first strike, the Leicester rhythm has gone. They have the easiest run-in of the relegation contenders — against Doncaster, Ipswich and Exmouth — and should avoid the drop to the second division. But Johnson is taking nothing for granted: "It should be easy, but that's what we thought at the start of the season, and then look what happened."

☐ Hounslow, with most of their remaining opponents in the bottom half of the Pizza Express men's national league, are favourites to win the championship (Sydney Friskin writes). Southgate, three points behind, have a more difficult programme.

Hounslow await the arrival of Gordon early tomorrow morning from a trip to the United States and he will play at Bournville. Southgate are away to Bromley. Teddington and East Grinstead, who can only hope that the leaders make mistakes, meet at Teddington School.

SQUASH

Whitlock and Hands in honourable duel

THE closing chapter of the game's first, and probably only, exclusively English national championship seems likely to take place in Calgary today when Philip Whitlock, of Cheshire, meets Tony Hands, of Essex, in the final of the Canadian Open championship.

Whitlock, 30, took the English title earlier this month after first joining a boycott of the event organised by leading players but then negotiating a compromise with the Squash Rackets Association that he viewed as the best that could be hoped for.

Yesterday, he defeated Danny Meddings, of Surrey, 15-11, 15-10, 15-8 in the first of two semi-finals that were historic in world tour terms for their English totality. Hands won the other, 15-7, 15-5, 15-5, from Stephen Meads, of Berkshire.

Hands, 23, was late to the international scene but has already stolen a march on his colleagues as a first English finalist on the world tour since Philip Kenyon in 1986. Today, he fights Whitlock to become the first English winner on the tour since Kenyon in 1984. He needs the win also to reach the top 16 group that gains automatic seeding in world tour events.

RESULTS: Semi-finals (all GB): A Hands bt S Meads, 15-7, 15-5, 15-5; P Whitlock bt D Meddings, 15-11, 15-10, 15-8.

IN BRIEF

Prost survives crash

Alain Prost walked away from a spectacular crash in his Williams-Renault at a private Formula One practice session at Estoril, Portugal, yesterday.

The triple world champion suffered slight concussion and bruising, when he lost control on a bend and went spinning off the track, badly damaging the rear of the car.

Prost has admitted that the car, in which Nigel Mansell became world champion last year, is not an easy one to drive.

Becalmed

Yachting: Light winds off the Brittany coast yesterday forced Robin Knox-Johnston and Peter Blake to postpone the start of their attempt to go round the world in fewer than 80 days on their 85ft catamaran Enza New Zealand.

McManus wins

Snooker: Alan McManus reached his fifth consecutive world ranking semi-final with a 5-2 victory in the Welsh open championship at Newport against Nigel Bond, the surprise conqueror of defending champion Stephen Henry in the previous round.

Odd girl in

Rugby League: One player definitely bound for Wembley on May 1, the day of the Challenge Cup final, is Sophie Cox, 11, who has been chosen to represent Rochdale against Sheffield in the schools' curtain-raiser to the final, after the lifting of a ban by the English Schools Rugby League.

Double top

Cycling: Daniele Pontoni, of Italy, will attempt a double at the world cyclo-cross championships in Corva, Italy, this weekend: the amateur race today, and the professional event tomorrow, changing his category overnight.

Player dies

Football: Tim Ward, the former Derby County manager and an England player in 1948 and 1949, has died at the age of 75.

RACING: NEWMARKET RAIDER WORTHY FAVOURITE FOR IRISH CHAMPION

Halkopous to emphasise his claim to Cheltenham crown

MARK Tompkins declined to accept the challenge set him by the Irish handicapper when he allotted top weight of 12 stone to **Halkopous** in The Ladbroke, preferring to wait three weeks for the less daunting task that awaits him in tomorrow's AIG Europe Champion Hurdle over the same course and distance.

In The Ladbroke, Halkopous was handicapped to give 22lb to Vintage Crop but he now meets him on level terms.

The form book suggests that Halkopous, who was inferior as a novice last season to Flown and Carobee, has made substantial improvement.

He is unbeaten in two starts this season, starting with the Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle in which he beat the only other English challenger in tomorrow's race, Royal Derbi, by six lengths. He then went on to upset Granville Again (gave 6lb) by ten lengths in the Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham.

Tompkins: trains big-race contender Halkopous

Some good judges have questioned whether he has earned his substantial rise up the ratings but, even if this exaggerates his progress, it is hard to envisage defeat here.

Vintage Crop may have landed a coup in the Cesarewitch but he has yet to show, either on the track or in homework, that his jumping is of championship standard.

Dermot Weld has described him as "novicey" and warned that his participation in the Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham, a race sponsored by his owner, depends on a satisfactory showing here.

Also carrying the Smurfit colours will be Chirkpar, who beat Morley Street by a short head in the corresponding race a year ago. This will be Chirkpar's first start since the spring but Jim Bolger has a knack of producing his horses very fit.

John Upson, who won the Thyestes Chase with Zeta's Lad, tries for another valuable Irish handicap, the Harold Clarke Leopardstown Chase, with Nick The Brief. However, I expect Ebony Jane, who was beaten a short head by Zeta's Lad at Gowran Park, to beat the Upson challenger in receipt of 21lb.

How's The Boss and Soft Day, two of the best novice chasers in Ireland, renew rivalry in the Baileys Arkle Perpetual Challenge Cup. Soft Day had the better of the argument on Boxing day and, although How's The Boss showed improved form to win here last month, Soft Day may just confirm his superiority.

LEOPARDSTOWN TOMORROW

GOING: SOFT

2.45 AIG EUROPE CHAMPION HURDLE
(Listed race: £30,250: 2m) (12 runners)

1	1U/0100-	CHIRKPAR 309 (F,G,S) (M Smurfit) J Bolger 6-11-10	L P Cusack	89
2	53051-3	GAELIC MYTH 8 (S) (The Byrcar Syndicate) T Stack 6-11-10	C O'Dwyer	76
3	1122-11	HALKOPOUS 50 (F,G,S) (A Christodoulou) M Tompkins (G3) 7-11-10	A Maguire	88
4	02052-0	NATURAL ABILITY 22 (S) (B) (F Tacey) N Meade 6-11-10	G M O'Neill	86
5	200-323	ROYAL DERBI 8 (F,G,S) (M Tabor) N Callaghan (GB) 6-11-10	D Murphy	80
6	1/13151-	VINTAGE CROP 1065 (S) (M Smurfit) O Weld 6-11-10	B Sheridan	85
7	41/5253-	CROWDED HOUSE 32 (S) (Armon Syndicate) B V Kelly 5-11-6	R Dunwoody	84
8	520002-	IRISH PEACE 50 (Rabot Racing Syndicate) L Browne 5-11-6	M Dwyer	84
9	116322-	MUIR STATION 22 (G,S) (S) (Mrs C Keating) J Bolger 5-11-6	K F O'Brien	89
10	105/11-	NOVELLO ALLEGRO 32 (S) (Mrs R Pelly) N Meade 5-11-6	C F Swan	90
*	24113-F	LADY OLEIN 22 (S) (Est of Dunraven) Mrs J Harrington 5-11-1	J P Banahan	91
12	1063P1-	AUTUMN GORSE 35 (S) (J Geraghty) Mrs A M O'Brien 4-10-12	T J Taaffe	85

BETTING: 11-10 Halkopous, 9-2 Vintage Crop, 7-1 Novello Allegro, 10-1 Crowded House, Muir Station, 12-1 Autumn Gorse, 14-1 Chirkpar, Royal Derbi, 33-1 Irish Peace, 40-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

CHIRKPAR beat Morley Street a short head in this race last year (good to yielding) with CROWDED HOUSE (5lb worse off) BHA 4lb. HALKOPOUS drops out from Granville Again 10l in the 6-runner grade II Arlington Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, soft). Previously, beat ROYAL DERBI (6lb better off) 6l in the 5-runner grade II Bellway Horner Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle (2m 110yd, good).
NATURAL ABILITY around 7l 10lb of 25 to Supercloud in the Ladbroke Hurdle over course and distance (yielding), with LADY OLEIN falling 3 out.
VINTAGE CROP, high-class stayer on the Flat, beat Prince Yaza neck in 7-runner novice hurdle here last season (2m 2f, good to yielding). NOVELLO ALLEGRO beat MUIR STATION a head in a 7-runner listed hurdle over course and distance (yielding), with CROWDED HOUSE 4l 3rd. Previously, beat IRISH PEACE (3lb worse off) 22l in an 8-runner hurdle at Navan (2m 4f, heavy). LADY OLEIN around 9l 3rd of 14 to Fay Lin in a valuable handicap hurdle over course and distance on penultimate start (yielding). AUTUMN GORSE beat Tilled Dancer 31/2l in a 15-runner listed novice hurdle over course and distance (yielding to soft).
Selection: HALKOPOUS

Frickley argues strong festival case

FRICKLEY has the Cheltenham festival next on his agenda after an impressive win in the Rossington Main Novices' Hurdle at **Doncaster** yesterday.

The seven-year-old's four-length success from Dreamers Delight took his record to five victories from six starts this term, and Gordon Richards's charge goes straight for the Trafalgar House Supreme Novices' Hurdle, which his trainer took in 1987 with Tartan Tailor.

"If he hadn't won this we would have scrapped Cheltenham," Richards said. "But he did it well, even though the ground was plenty fast enough for him."

Richard Dunwoody, beaten on Dreamers Delight, ended a losing sequence of 18 with a 47-1 double on Musthaveaswig and Belstone Fox. Both are trained by David Nicholson.

High Baron is another with his sights on Cheltenham after his ten-length win under top weight in the Painters Handicap Hurdle at **Wincanton**.

Robert Alner's charge, who was competing a treble, is a likely runner in the County Hurdle.

Broughton Manor, the 6-4 favourite, was a fortunate winner of the Maurice Lister Handicap Chase. Carbonate was three lengths clear with victory apparently secure until the final fence intervened, leaving Broughton Manor to come home clear of Smartie Express.

Cool It A Bit to foil old hands

Point-to-point
By Brian Beel

FEW, on Grand National day last April, would have thought the next time that two of the finishers met again would be in a members' race at a point-to-point. But this could happen today at the TWESELDOWN CLUB where Forest Ranger and Golden Minstrel are among the entries.

The former John Edwards-trained Forest Ranger is now owned by livery yard proprietor John Porter, while the Embiricos family have Golden Minstrel at home from Josh Gifford's yard, where he proved such a wonderful servant. The 14-year-old's winning record spans back to the 1983-84 season and includes two chases at Cheltenham.

Six of the other 21 entries for this race are also making the transition from racing under Rules but none of them may be good enough to beat Philip Scouller's classy Irish import Cool It A Bit, now fully recovered from the fungoid growth which hindered his progress last season.

The open maiden here has been split three ways and, in their respective divisions, Deep Spartacus and The Jogger, who both have useful hunter chase form, should not be opposed.

Of the many northern entries travelling down to Cottenham for the CAMBRIDGE HARRIERS, The Red One is the most interesting. Two seasons ago he won his first race on this course and subsequently became one of the top point-to-pointers in 1991. He now returns to pointing after an unsuccessful season hunter chasing.

In the BMW qualifier, the Higham winner Kamrise will have a fitness edge but Dromin Leader, Soprinella and Johnny Greenall's Sunny Mount will provide strong opposition.

Mountain Crash is another who has had an outing and already been in the winners' enclosure but, even with this advantage, may not be able to match strides with Skygrange in the Taittinger ladies' open.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Cambridgeshire, Cottenham, 5m NE of Cambridge (first race 11.30); Tweseldown Club, Tweseldown, 3m W of Aldershot (12.30).

BONDS TIPSTER

THUNDERER

1.00 DARI SOUND (nap).
1.35 Dissimulateur.
2.10 Young Smugfit.
2.40 Otterburn House.
3.10 Lord Relic.
3.45 Wick Pound.
4.15 Brocture Bay.

GOING: GOOD

1.00 YORKSHIRE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,786: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

1	111-231	FLYING SPEED 43 (F,G,S) (F Barr) M Pipe 5-11-10	J Lower	91
2	116127F	ABLE PLAYER 28 (D,F,S,S) (Miss K Brassill) Mrs S Brassill 6-11 9	J Burke (7)	93
3	120514-	STAGE PLAYER 420 (F,G) (J Maskell) Miss S Wilton 7-11-7	G Bradley	87
4	F65240	MINEOFUS 33 (D,F,G) (F Wilson) M H Easterby 7-11-5	D Byrne	94
5	03-041P	POLISHING 42 (BF,G,S) (J Gordon) M Haynsford 6-11-5	J Osborne	84
6	10-2224	JAXARROT 35 (BF,G) (R Johnson) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-3	B de Haan	95
7	12-2465	KAYTAK 35 (S) (T Myles & Co Ltd) J Jenkins 6-10-8	M Alner	86
8	2P043V	PISTOL OF BUCKS 647 (D,G,S) (T Dyer) T Dyer 7-10-7	P Hatley	–
9	13-2440	FIGHTING JESSICA 54 (G) (Mrs D Upson) J Upson 8-10-4	R Supple	89
10	136-425	DARI SOUND 33 (F) (Mrs K Lockerby) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-3	M Dwyer	92
11	33-5312	MACEDONIAS 16 (S) (Mrs B Mead) T Casey 5-10-2	C Swan	88
12	1P3168-	MEEDWOOD SPRITE 317 (F,G) (T Leadbeater) B Morgan 7-10-0	L Harvey	89
13	10/PP5	JOLLY ROGER 7 (F) (J Hanson) J Hanson 6-10-0	S Turner	70

Long handicap: Jolly Roger 8-8.

BETTING: 4-1 Flying Speed, 5-1 Dari Sound, 6-1 Jaxarrot, 8-1 Kaytak, 10-1 Hinaton, Macedonias, 12-1 Polishing, 14-1 Able Player, Stage Player, 16-1 others.

1992 MEETING ABANDONED — FROST

1.35 SAINT SYSTEMS RISOGRAPH JUVENILE HURDLE C4
(4-Y-O: £4,662: 2m 110yd) (12 runners)

1	114	BOLD BOSS 33 (D,G,S) (J Rotson) G Moore 11-6	N Bentley	86
2	41205	EDEN'S CLOSE 33 (D,G) (Mrs M Barnett) M Tompkins 11-5	R Campbell	83
3	14	SCRUTINEER 8 (D,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) D Nicholson 11-5	C Swan	84
4	131	BATABAROO 22 (D,G,S) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 11-5	M Dwyer	90
5	U1	COURT CIRCULAR 10 (D) (B S Ltd) W Clay 11-0	Diane Clay	77
6	2	DISSIMULATEUR 21 (Shaikh Marwan Al-Maktoum) O Sherwood 11-0	J Osborne	83
7		BELRIDGE 139F (Mrs W Tallach) C Brooks 11-0	G Bradley	–
8	023	GREAT MAX 28 (F) (T Green) M Jarvis 11-0	S Mitchell	88
9	12123	LONESOME TRAIN 21 (D,F,S) (C Saul) C Weedon 11-0	Peter Hobbs	88
10		MOCATCHINA 99F (Miss H Carroll) S Sherwood 11-0	M Richards	–
11		PATROL 148F (W G Black) J Johnson 11-0	A Orkney	–
12	P	HOT PROSPECT 16 (Mrs P Russell) Mrs P Russell 10-9	Mr S Walker	–

BETTING: 5-2 Dissimulateur, 3-1 Sonshine, 5-1 Lonesome Train, 8-1 Bold Boss, 10-1 Batabaroo, 12-1 Eden's Close, 14-1 Belridge, Great Max, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BOLD BOSS 12l4l 4th of 11 to Dare To Dream in grade I Finale Junior Hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, soft) SCRUTINEER best GREAT MAX (6lb better off) 2l in 24-runner Newbury (2m 110yd, soft) novice hurdle on penultimate start.
BATABAROO best Kallo 1l in 13-runner Edinburgh (2m, good) novice hurdle. DISSIMULATEUR 21l1 2nd of 17 to Kasi in Sandown (2m 110yd, soft) novice hurdle with LONESOME TRAIN (7lb better off) neck 3rd. BELRIDGE fair maiden on the Flat. LONESOME TRAIN 1l1 2nd of 11 to Dessert Mist in grade II Woodmansterne Juvenile Hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: LONESOME TRAIN

2.10 MITSUBISHI SHOGUN TROPHY C4
(Handicap chase: £7,180: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

1	50P21-P	YOUNG SMUGFIT 14 (D,F,S,S) (M Cleveland) G Sherwood 9-12-0	J Osborne	88
2	23P-143	UNCLE ERNIE 39 (D,S,S) (Jimmy Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-11	M Dwyer	92
3	11F-328	AL HASHIMI 14 (D,F,S) (J Hobbs) D Nicholson 8-10-10	C Swan	97
4	12P1-53	TIMYFLAND 33 (D,F,S) (M Beckley) M Henderson 9-10-8	J R Kavanagh	95
5	UU-6183	BORD SNAGKEROO 33 (D,F,S,S) (M Thompson) J Johnson 8-10-5	A Orkney	88
6	12-1423	CLAY COUNTY 52 (D,F,S,S) (M Boyd) R Allan 8-10-2	M Moloney	94
7	134-R03	SPACE FAIR 26 (D,F,S,S) (Osborne House Ltd) B Lee 10-10-1	R Greene (3)	95
8	011/MP	ROHALUNDUM 329 (CD,F,S,S) (Kinsley Farms Ltd) M H Easterby 12-10-0	D Byrne	–

BETTING: 9-4 Uncle Ernie, 5-2 Space Fair, Young Smugfit, 5-1 Timyfland, 7-1 Bord Snackeroo, 12-1 Clay County, Al Hashimi, 25-1 Rohalundum.

FORM FOCUS

YOUNG SMUGFIT beat Jolly Roger Raglo 14l in Kempton (2m, good to firm) chase on final start last term. UNCLE ERNIE 31/2l 3rd of 5 to Wesanbo Boy in grade II Tingle Creek Handicap Chase at Sandown (2m, soft).
AL HASHIMI 31/4l 2nd of 6 to Ernsee-H in Sandown (2m, good to soft) handicap chase on penultimate start. TIMYFLAND 1l 3rd of 10 to For The Grain in Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) handicap chase. BORD SNACKEROO 13/4l last of 3 to Kalabalo in grade I Castleford Chase at Wetherby (2m, good to soft). SPACE FAIR 21/2l 3rd of 7 to Steam Alert in Newbury (2m 1f, soft) handicap chase.
Selection: SPACE FAIR (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rides	%
G Sherwood	5	12	41.7
R Lee	6	16	37.5
M Pipe	4	11	36.4
Mr W Easterby	5	15	33.3
D Murray Smith	3	9	33.3
C Brooks	4	13	30.8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Osborne	3	21	14.3
M Dwyer	3	26	11.5
S Turner	3	26	11.5
D Byrne	4	36	11.1

Only qualifiers

Rain threatens Plumpton

THERE will be a 10am inspection at Plumpton tomorrow to determine prospects for Monday's meeting.

Cliff Griggs, the clerk of the course, reports the going heavy. "It's unlikely we could have raced today," he said. "It's dry and sunny now but outbreaks of rain are forecast."

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Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield; C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner, BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rides plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.40 GREAT YORKSHIRE CHASE C4
(Handicap: £19,691: 3m) (14 runners)

1	13P-15U	GAMBLING ROYAL 42 (D,S,S) (Roach Foods Ltd) D Nicholson 10-11-11	C Swan	92
2	02312-2	DANNY HARROLD 70 (D,D,F,S) (Mrs S Rubins) A Turnell 9-11-7	S McNeill	92
3	3UU-1P4	LATENT TALENT 33 (D,G,S) (C Heath) S Sherwood 9-11-4	J Osborne	93
4	3UU-513	ROWLANDSONS JEWELS 42 (CD,F,S,S) D Murray Smith 12-11-3	D Gallagher	92
5	4P31-5P	PHARDAH'S LASH 33 (D,F,S,S) (T Johnsey) Mrs J Pitman 12-11-2	G Bradley	94
6	V12-16F	PARSONS GREEN 28 (D,D,S,S) (R Tooth) M Henderson 9-11-2	J R Kavanagh	92
7	UP-1352	ESHA NESS 28 (D,S,S) (P Bancroft) Mrs J Pitman 10-10-13	B de Haan	89
8	0114-13	CATCH THE CROSS 21 (V,D,BF,F,S,S) (D Beswick) M Pipe 7-10-7	M Foster	89
9	5/12-223	SEA ISLAND 28 (D,S,S) (R Warner) M Pipe 9-10-6	J Lower	95
10	2P-1321	OTTERBURN HOUSE 21 (D,F,S,S) (R Hagger) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-10-1 (6ex)	M Dwyer	95
11	U11-FB2	ERRANT KNIGHT 12 (S,S) (Mrs R Bibi) M Pipe 9-10-0	M Hourigan (3)	84
12	F/1121I	WEST ENDER 59 (D,F,S,S) (Ms J Hobbard) J Jefferson 10-10-0	R Supple	84
13	3UFUF	WINABUCK 29 (B,D,F,S,S) (M Eustace) R Dickin 10-10-0	D Meredith (5)	83
14	140211	YOUNG HUSTLER 16 (D,F,S,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-0 (8ex)	D Bridgwater	93

Long handicap: Errant Knight 9-11, West Ender 9-10, Winabuck 9-8, Young Hustler 8-5 (5lb).

BETTING: 7-2 Young Hustler, 9-2 Otterburn House, 8-1 Esha Ness, 9-1 Gambling Royal, 10-1 Sea Island, Danny Harrold, 14-1 Catch The Cross, Rowlandsons Jewels, West Ender, 16-1 Latent Talent, Errant Knight, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

GAMBLING ROYAL 14l4l 5th of 13 to Strike Abbey in grade III Haxnessy Cognac Gold Cup Handicap Chase at Newbury (3m 2f 110yd, soft) with ROWLANDSONS JEWELS (5lb better off) 25l 6th and LATENT TALENT (7lb better off) pulled up 2 out.
DANNY HARROLD running-on 2l 2nd of 10 to Deep Sensation in grade II B & T Walker Handicap Chase at Ascot (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft). LATENT TALENT 30l 4th of 9 to Zeta's Lad in Kempton (3m, good to soft) handicap chase. ROWLANDSONS JEWELS 22l4l 3rd of 8 to Captain Dibble in Ascot (3m 110yd, soft) handicap chase with GAMBLING ROYAL unseated rider 4th.
ESHA NESS 21l4l 2nd of 13 to Jodami in Newbury (3m 2f 110yd, soft) handicap chase with SEA ISLAND (same entire) 4l 3rd and PARSONS GREEN (same mare) left 9th.
CATCH THE CROSS 12l 3rd of 7 to Beech Road in Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) handicap chase. OTTERBURN HOUSE best Mr Boston 4l in 5-runner Hagdock (3m, soft) handicap chase. WEST ENDER, completed double, beat Homme D'Affaire 5l in 5-runner Hamilton (2m 4f 110yd, soft) handicap chase. YOUNG HUSTLER, completed double, beat Clever Shepherd 2l in 11-runner Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, soft) handicap chase.
Selection: ROWLANDSONS JEWELS

3.10 RIVER DON NOVICES HURDLE C4
(Grade II: £5,640: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1	111	LORD RELIC 28 (D,S) (Mrs H Clarke) M Pipe 7-11-13	J Lower	89
2	6/2553	BOLD AMBITION 7 (T Kersey) T Kersey 5-11-6	Susan Kersey	77
3	2-21	COULDIT BE BETTER 40 (S) (R B Whittle) C Brooks 6-11-6	G Bradley	74
4	0	DORBAL STYLE 22 (Mrs A Taylor (Ca Durham)) J Johnson 5-11-6	C Swan	–
5	06P-132	HURDY 33 (S) (J Hanson) J Hanson 8-11-5	Mr A Thornton	88
6	421120	POLLERTON'S PRIDE 42 (BF,S,S) (S Greaves) W Clay 6-11-1	Diane Clay	70

BETTING: 1-3 Lord Relic, 4-1 Couldit Be Better, 14-1 Bold Ambition, 20-1 Hurdy, 25-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

LORD RELIC beat Gwalchmai 10l in grade I Chelfam Handle at Newbury (3m 5f, soft) latest start. COULDIT BE BETTER beat Old Bridge hand in 9-runner Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy) novice hurdle. HURDY 6l 2nd of 14 to Andesmatt (rec 15lb) in Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) novice handicap hurdle. POLLERTON'S PRIDE 9l1 2nd of 11 to Ferry Baby, pair 20l clear, in Nottingham (3m 4f, soft) handicap hurdle.
Selection: LORD RELIC

3.45 BURGHWALLIS NOVICES CHASE
(£3,029: 2m 3f 110yd) (10 runners)

1	U221/F	PEACE OFFICER 29 (D,S) (J Whelan) P Hedger 7-11-12	M Richards	88
2	14-3U14	WICK POUND 11F (B,G,S) (K Britton) J Old 7-11-9	T Grantham	90
3	3P5-123	AMBROSE 12 (F,G) (Mrs G Houghton) R Houghton 6-11 4	Mr G Johnson Houghton	91
4	P	FIREAWAY FLANAGAN 24 (W Wise) O Sherwood 6-11-4	J Osborne	–
5	3-23422	GOLDEN FARE 16 (N Barrowclough) R Lee 8-11-4	G Bradley	74
6	P-P4254	ON THE TEAR 7 (J Hanson) J Hanson 7-11-4	R Greene (3)	82
7	0U6-224	SHU FLY 9 (F,S) (Seven First Partnership) C Broad 9-11-4	Mr A Thornton (5)	75
8	6F33-5P	SOLICITOR'S CHOICE 42 (F,S) (Rhosmead Hill Racing) T Bell 10-11-4	G Bradley	93
9	13/325/	YOUNG TY 789 (F,S) (Dr J Robinson) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-4	J Railton	83
10	10F3-2P	MAYFAIR MIRX 77 (F,S) (Mrs M Wilson) S Christian 9-10-13	M Dwyer	–

BETTING: 3-1 Shu Fly, 4-1 Ambrose, 5-2 Peace Officer, 6-1 Wick Pound, 8-1 Young Ty, 12-1 Mayfair Mirx, Golden Fare, 16-1 Fireaway Flanagan, 20-1 others.

4.15 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£2,013: 2m 110yd) (18 runners)

1		DRAWN N'QUARTERED (Mrs E Wilson) J Clegg 6-11-10	R Davis (5)	–
2		HARRISTOWN (J Hanson) J Hanson 5-11-10	Mr A Thornton (5)	–
3		KILMINFOYLE (Mrs M Williams) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-10	M Hemingway (7)	–
4		LARGE ACTION (B Stewart-Brown) O Sherwood 5-11-10	J McCarthy (7)	–
5		MIRACLE MAN (P Evans) C Weedon 5-11-10	M Brown (7)	–
6		NORMANDY BILL (Mrs C Black) D McCain 5-11-10	Mr D McCain (5)	–
7		PHILHARMONIC (Jimmy Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-10	G Tormey (7)	–
8		ROAD TO FAME (Miss E Gandolfo) D Gandolfo 5-11-10	D Meads (7)	–
9	1	BROCTURE BAY 22 (G) (M Bailey) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-7	Mr M Bradley (5)	–
10		CAPRINHA (Lunar Haydon Racing Ltd) S Christian 5-11-3	Mr M Rimell (7)	–
11		LADY QUAKER (R Bethell) B Retherell 5-11-5	G Cahill (7)	–
12		AUBURN CASTLE (G Shouler) M W Easterby 4-11-0	P Johnson (7)	–
13		BANCHORY (G Shouler) M W Easterby 4-11-0	Mr S Walker (7)	–
14		GER OFF (F Gibson) F Gibson 4-11-0	M Bentley (5)	–
15		LITTLE TORMENT (T Kersey) T Kersey 4-11-0	R Farrant (7)	–
16		RIVER LOSSIE (Sir David Wills) W Jarvis 4-11-0	Mr T Jenks (7)	–
17		TAMBORITO (E Ferranti) T Naughton 4-11-0	D Ryan (7)	–
18		PENTLAND DANCER (D Pryde) R Lamb 4-10-9	G Hogan	–

BETTING: 6-4 Brocture Bay, 5-1 Philharmonic, 7-1 Large Action, 10-1 River Lossie, Harristown, 14-1 Caprinha, Kilminfoyle, Drawn N'Quartered, 16-1 others.

Kadi to initiate Nicholson treble

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

TODAY is D-day for David Nicholson with three of his leading Cheltenham festival candidates facing key trials at Prestbury Park.

At the last meeting staged at jump racing's headquarters in December, the "Duke" virtually set up camp in the winner's enclosure with six successes over the two days.

With a 287-1 treble yesterday confirming the well-being of Nicholson's string, it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that **Kadi**, **Another Coral** and **Mighty Mogul** can produce another field day for the Jackdaws Castle team.

Kadi was not particularly fancied on his debut at Sandown earlier this month but accounted in style for the heavily-touted Dissimulateur.

Major Bugler, who was five lengths away in fourth, reopposes on 8lb better terms but Kadi, who ran only three times on the Flat when with John Oxx in Ireland, looks bound to improve and can come out on top again in the Food Brokers Finesse Hurdle.

Kadi was schooled on Thursday and delighted Nicholson. "Richard Dunwoody rode him and he was in great form. If all goes well, this will be his last race before the Triumph," Nicholson said.

Mighty Mogul worked nicely 24 hours earlier and it will be an unpleasant surprise if the Champion Hurdle favourite does not oblige in the Wyko Power Transmission Hurdle. The probable strong pace set by Muse should play into Dunwoody's hands.

There is far less certainty surrounding Another Coral's bid to capture the Timeform Hall of Fame Chase. The race of the day has attracted Garrison Savannah and Cool Ground, winners of the last two runnings of the Cheltenham Gold Cup, not to mention others with Gold Cup pretentions.

The big doubt surrounding Another Coral is his stamina. He has never raced beyond an extended two and a half miles, but at the age of ten he has learnt to relax and Nicholson is convinced the new trip will not pose a problem.

"We are throwing him in at the deep end but we may as well find out. He is related on the dam's side to Travelling Wrong and he gets any trip."

Miinnehoma is likely to set a strong pace which will expose any stamina deficiencies while Cool Ground showed signs of returning to form behind Rushing Wild at Sandown. I believe Another Coral, who beat subsequent winners Very Very Ordinary and Sabin Du Loir at Newbury last time, can continue his improvement.

Andy Turnell is enjoying his best season, due mainly to a lovely bunch of chasers, but **Giventime** has flourished over the smaller obstacles with three victories.

The East Hendred trainer has never had the six-year-old in better condition and Dan Fortt, who gets on with Giventime, takes 7lb off his back in the opening Racegoers Hall of Fame Novices' Handicap Hurdle. He is a confident nap.

At Ayr, Peter Niven looks set to enjoy a profitable afternoon after returning from injury. The Mary Reveley-trained pair, **Candy Tuff** (2.00) and **Padaventure** (3.00), should both oblige while **Dominant Serenade** can enhance his Triumph Hurdle claims in the Harcros Scottish Juvenile Novices' Hurdle.

Punters will not need a form book to discover one surefire winner today. The hall of fame, opened at Cheltenham yesterday, captures the colour and excitement which gives the course its reputation as a mecca for jump racing enthusiasts.

A series of exhibits and museum bays dedicated to various features of racing at Cheltenham — including TV replays of famous Gold Cup and Champion Hurdle victories — compares more than favourably with similar displays at Newmarket and Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby.

To coincide with the opening, 12 personalities connected with steeplechasing were named as founder members. They include the Queen Mother, Peter O'Sullevan, Arkle and Golden Miller. The museum is open every day and admission is free.

Nap: GIVENTIME
(12.30 Cheltenham)

Next best: Kadi
(1.05 Cheltenham)

Another Coral, who is taken to pass today's stamina test

THUNDERER

12.30 Giventime. 1.05 Kadi. 1.40 Another Coral. 2.15 Mighty Mogul. 2.45 Ryde Again. 3.25 Champagne Lad. 4.00 Statajack.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.40 **COOL GROUND**.

GOING: SOFT (WITH HEAVY PATCHES) SIS

12.30 RACEGOERS CLUB HALL OF FAME NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,950: 2m 1f) (7 runners)

101 34-R212 ROYAL PIPER 21 (S) (A Darlington) D Barons 6-11-13 M Perrett 91
102 5-1211 GIVENTIME 24 (S) (L Kimber) A Turnell 5-11-11 D Fortt (7) [illegible]
103 4512 REAL PROGRESS 9 (S) (A Stennett) P Hobbs 5-11-3 B Clifford (3) 86
104 1/14-45 SANDOUGE GLEN 15 (G,S) (S Embiricos) J Gifford 6-11-2 D Murphy 87
105 425 WESTHOLME 18 (T Bennett) M H Easterby 5-10-12 R Garritty 87
106 42-203 COUNTRY LAD 35 (Mrs R Pattison) Mrs S Williams 5-10-11 M A Fitzgerald 89
107 3-13662 WINGS OF FREEDOM 5 (F) (American Technical Ltd) J Jenkins 5-10-4 R Dunwoody 82

BETTING: 2-1 Giventime, 5-2 Sandouge Glen, 7-2 Westholme, 7-1 Royal Piper, 8-1 Real Progress, 16-1 Wings Of Freedom, 20-1 Country Lad.

1992: MEETING ABANDONED - FROST

1.05 FOOD BROKERS FINESSE HURDLE BBC1
(Grade II: 4-Y-O: £6,375: 2m 1f) (6 runners)

201 031451 BE MY HABITAT 15 (S) (Miss L Siddall) Miss L Siddall 11-4 J Frost 89
202 1 KADI 21 (S) (Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum) D Nicholson 11-4 R Dunwoody 86
203 4 IVOR'S FLUTTER 70 (BF) (W Perry) D Elsworth 11-0 P Holley 81
204 0134 MAJOR BUGLER 21 (BF,S) (C Buckle) G Balding 11-0 A Maguire 89
205 3311 PERSONAL HAZARD 16 (V,S) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 11-0 R Garritty 80
206 1U2 STORM DUST 76 (G) (R Sualey Tice) J Fanshawe 11-0 S Smith Eccles [illegible]

BETTING: 11-10 Kadi, 9-4 Storm Dust, 6-1 Major Bugler, 8-1 Personal Hazard, 14-1 Be My Habitat, 16-1 Ivor's Flutter.

FORM FOCUS

BE MY HABITAT beat Barbastan 12l in a 4-runner novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 4f, heavy). Previously, beat Top Spin 12l in an 8-runner novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good to soft), with IVOR'S FLUTTER (4lb better off) 7¾l 4th.
KADI beat Dissimulateur 2½l in a 17-runner hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, soft), with MAJOR BUGLER (8lb better off) just over 2l 4th. PERSONAL HAZARD beat Saraphim 2½l in a 12-runner hurdle at Wetherby (2m, soft). STORM DUST ½l 2nd of 15 to Dominant Serenade in a hurdle here (2m 110yd, heavy), with MAJOR BUGLER a distant 11th.
Selection: MAJOR BUGLER

1.40 TIMEFORM HALL OF FAME CHASE BBC1
(£10,308: 3m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

301 40-2211 ANOTHER CORAL 28 (C,F,G,S) (M Deeley) D Nicholson 10-11-12 R Dunwoody 88
302 0-4F402 COOL GROUND 21 (CD,G,S) (Whitcombe Manor Ltd) G Balding 11-11-12 A Maguire [illegible]
303 212/2P-F GARRISON SAVANNAH 16 (B,CD,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-12 M Pitman 80
304 111-223 MIINNEHOMA 33 (B,C,BF,F,G,S) (F Starr) M Pipe 10-11-12 M Perrett 85
305 22651-P PARTY POLITICS 83 (F,G,S) (Mrs D Thompson) N Gaselee 9-11-12 C Llewellyn 89
306 412114 SIBTON ABBEY 21 (CD,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-11-12 D Murphy 81
307 122U2-0 HENRY MANN 87 (B,F,G,S) (L Wilson) S Christian 10-11-3 M A Fitzgerald 82

BETTING: 15-8 Miinnehoma, 11-4 Another Coral, 9-2 Cool Ground, 7-1 Sibton Abbey, 8-1 Garrison Savannah, 14-1 Party Politics, 16-1 Henry Mann.

FORM FOCUS

ANOTHER CORAL beat Very Very Ordinary 1½l in an 8-runner handicap chase at Newbury (2m 4f, soft). COOL GROUND 25l 2nd of 11 to Rushing Wild in a handicap chase at Sandown (3m 5f 110yd, good to soft), with SIBTON ABBEY (18lb worse off) 27l 4th. GARRISON SAVANNAH in contention when 11th-fence faller in a 5-runner chase at Wincanton won by Sabin Du Loir (2m 5f, soft).
MIINNEHOMA 19l 3rd of 11 to Run For Free in the grade III Coral Welsh National Handicap Chase at Chepstow (3m 5f 110yd, soft). PARTY POLITICS beat Romany King 2½l in the 40-runner Martell Grand National at Aintree (4m 4f, good to soft), with COOL GROUND a distant 10th.
SIBTON ABBEY beat Jodami ¾l in the 13-runner grade III Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup Handicap Chase at Newbury (3m 2f 110yd, soft), with PARTY POLITICS pulled up.
Selection: COOL GROUND

2.15 WYKO POWER TRANSMISSION HURDLE BBC1
(Grade I: £24,640: 2m 5f 110yd) (4 runners)

401 3-11111 MIGHTY MOGUL 33 (G,S) (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 6-11-8 R Dunwoody [illegible]
402 213354- MUDAHIM 308 (C,F,G,S) (K Bell) C Brod 7-11-8 D Tegg 93
403 223-161 MUSE 29 (G,S) (White Horse Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 6-11-8 P Holley 96
404 2221-20 NOMADIC WAY 83 (B,C,BF,F,G,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11-8 G McCourt 95

BETTING: 4-9 Mighty Mogul, 5-2 Muse, 11-2 Nomadic Way, 33-1 Mudahim.

FORM FOCUS

MIGHTY MOGUL beat Flown 5l in the 8-runner grade I BonusPrint Christmas Hurdle at Kempton (2m, good to soft).
MUDAHIM under 11 4th of 12 to Pragada in the grade II Lethaby & Christopher Long Distance Hurdle at Ascot (3m, good). MUSE beat Baydon Star 1l in a 9-runner limited handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m, good to soft). NOMADIC WAY distant last of 9 to Tyrone Bridge in the grade II Akzo Long Distance Hurdle at Newbury (3m 110yd, soft). Previously, 5l 2nd of 9 to Burgoyne in the grade II Tote West Yorkshire Hurdle at Wetherby (3m 1f, good). Last season, beat disqualified Trapper John 3½l in the 17-runner grade I BonusPrint Stayers' Hurdle here (3m 1f, good).
Selection: MIGHTY MOGUL

2.50 LONGLEY HALL OF FAME HANDICAP CHASE
(£5,865: 2m 5f) (7 runners)

501 110F10/ WINGSPAN 685 (C,F,G,S) (P Shilton) M Pipe 9-12-0 M Perrett –
502 1-0P143 JOYFUL NOISE 63 (G,S) (A Gadrich) A Jarvis 10-11-13 T Jarvis 86
503 122-3U1 BEECH ROAD 21 (C,F,G,S) (T Geake) G Balding 11-11-12 J Frost [illegible]
504 5/1121-2 RYDE AGAIN 16 (BF,F,G,S) (Miss J Hayward) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-8 M Pitman 93
505 3P-55P1 REPEAT THE DOSE 14 (C,F,G,S) (A Ward) T Etherington 8-11-3 G McCourt 96
506 4/B33/3- WONT BE GONE LONG 463 (C,BF,F,G) N Henderson 11-10-13 R Dunwoody –
507 30-643P JOHN O'DEE 70 (C,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 10-10-0 A Maguire 88

Long handicap: John O'Dee 9-11.

BETTING: 15-8 Ryde Again, 5-2 Repeat The Dose, 11-4 Beech Road, 8-1 Joyful Noise, 16-1 Wingspan, 20-1 John O'Dee, Wont Be Gone Long.

3.25 LETHEBY & CHRISTOPHER HALL OF FAME NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£4,175: 2m 5f) (6 runners)

601 40-32F6 CHAMPAGNE LAD 25 (C,BF,F,G,S) (P James) J Gifford 7-11-10 P Hide (5) 85
602 4-3411F ZAMIL 21 (G,S) (P Sweeting) K Bailey 8-11-1 G McCourt 84
603 3-3F311 REJOINUS 12 (S) (C Galloway) A Stringer 8-11-0 R Garritty 98
604 336282 GRANGE BRAKE 7 (B,G,S) (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-10 C Llewellyn [illegible]
605 /2/6442 LITTLE-NIPPER 5 (C,F,G) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 8-10-7 R Dunwoody 98
606 1-542F1 FLASHTHECASH 12 (F,S) (Dr G Madan Mohan) G Balding 7-10-4 A Maguire 90

BETTING: 4-6 Rejoinus, 9-2 Champagne Lad, 7-1 Flashthecash, 10-1 Grange Brake, Zamil, 16-1 Little-Nipper.

4.00 CHELTENHAM HALL OF FAME HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,752: 2m 1f) (11 runners)

1 1P1U2/4 FILE CONCORD 50 (G,S) (The Jet Stationery Company Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 9-12-0 M Pitman –
2 12420/ RI-NA-RITHAMN 827 (F,G,S) (P Bancroft) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-10 R Marley –
3 121/0-90 SWEET N' TWENTY 11 (C,BF,F,G,S) (F Roofing Ltd) M Pipe 7 11-5 D Richmond (5) 91
4 39-3124 DANCING PADDY 28 (S) (Bycharce Racing) K Cunningham-Brown 5-11-0 D O'Sullivan (3) 93
5 /412/21 SLEEPLINE ROYALE 11 (F,G,S) T Thomson Jones 7-10-13 S Smith Eccles 90
6 1F5-024 SABAKI RIVER 35 (C,G,S) (Mrs K Stuart) Mrs J Retter 9-10-13 M A Fitzgerald –
7 012-061 GYMCRAK STARDOM 8 (G,S) (Gymcrak Racing Plc) M H Easterby 7-10-12 R Garritty [illegible]
8 4-41212 MIAMI SPLASH 28 (BF,G,S) (G Weston) P Hobbs 6-10-11 S Earle 93
9 129-550 STATAJACK 21 (B,G) (Mrs M Slade) D Elsworth 5-10-11 P Holley 93
10 1/3440P- DOC'S COAT 7F (BF,F,S) (M Keating) C Wildman 8-10-10 A Maguire 81
11 16283F- BALLERINA ROSE 262 (BF,G) (R Evans) D O'Neill 6-10-0 V Slattery (5) 78

Long handicap: Ballerina Rose 9-2.

BETTING: 4-1 Miami Splash, 9-2 File Concord, 5-1 Gymcrak Stardom, Sleepline Royale, 8-1 Sweet N' Twenty, 10-1 Statajack, 14-1 Dancing Paddy, Sabaki River, 20-1 Doc's Coat, 25-1 Ballerina Rose, 33-1 Ri-Na-Rithamn.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
T Thomson Jones	4	15	26.7	S Smith Eccles	7	32	21.9
D Nicholson	35	145	24.1	R Dunwoody	46	223	20.6
M Pipe	57	247	23.1	J Frost	13	77	16.9
D Barons	12	61	19.7	M Perrett	7	45	15.6
G Balding	21	110	19.1	G McCourt	13	91	14.3
N Henderson	17	91	18.7	M Pitman	7	54	13.0

□ Reg Akehurst's Millsolin, who landed a couple of big gambles last autumn, was cut yesterday from 20-1 to 16-1 by both Ladbrokes and Hills for the Lincoln Handicap.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

CHELTENHAM
BBC1

1.05: Kadi is David Nicholson's banker of the day and can improve sufficiently to confirm the high opinion of his trainer. Major Bugler, not fully fit when fourth behind the selection at Sandown last time, is now 8lb better off, and is a danger along with James Fanshawe's Storm Dust, off the course since finishing second to Dominant Serenade at Cheltenham in November.

1.40: With Miinnehoma bound to set a strong pace, any chinks in **Another Coral**'s stamina will be fully exposed as he steps into unknown racing territory beyond three miles. Cool Ground showed signs of returning to form behind Rushing Wild at Sandown last time but Another Coral can justify Nicholson's Gold Cup ambitions.

2.15: The front-running Muse should tee this up for Champion Hurdle favourite **Mighty Mogul**. Unbeaten this season, Nicholson's fast-improving six-year-old has won over this distance and yet possessed sufficient speed to win over Kempton's sharp two miles last time.

DONCASTER
C4

1.35: **Dissimulateur** was backed as though defeat was out of the question on his debut behind Kadi at Sandown. Losses can be recovered at the expense of the consistent Lonesome Train.

2.10: In a trappy race where investments should be kept to a minimum due to the uncertainties surrounding several runners, Boro Smackeroo is arguably well handicapped if his third behind Katabatic at Wetherby a month ago is taken literally. That result almost certainly flatters Howard Johnson's Irish recruit and **Uncle Ernie**, from the in-form Jimmy Fitzgerald yard, can prevail.

2.40: **Danny Harrold**, who beat Jodami when he last raced over three miles, is taken to cause an upset. A tendency to break blood vessels means Andy Turnell's classy chaser is best caught fresh. Otterburn House and Young Hustler are the obvious dangers.

3.10: Despite some sketchy hurdling **Lord Relic** has been impressive in his three victories to date and it will take something special to lower his colours.

Richard Evans

THUNDERER

1.30 Marra's Roscoe. 2.00 Candy Tuff. 2.30 Dominant Serenade. 3.00 General Pershing. 3.30 Seon. 4.00 One For The Pot. 4.30 Bervie House.

GOING: SOFT SIS

1.30 BARR NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,756: 3m 110yd) (11 runners)

1 0F15 MINER JACKSON 44 (BF,S) M Hammond 6-11-5 C Grant
2 3284 BUSY BOY 14 B Lamb 6-10-12 K Johnson
3 -400 DO A RUNNER 9 J Love 6-10-12 Mr S Love
4 09 EXTRA BEAT 21 G Richards 6-10-12 N Doughty
5 -00P GOODHEAVENS MRTONY 8 M Naughton 6-10-12 R Hodge
6 -525 MARRA'S ROSCOE 45 Mrs M Reveley 7-10-12 P Niven
7 P2 SHAWWELL 12 J Charlton 6-10-12 B Storey
8 6-6 WHO SIR 12 J J O'Neill 7-10-12 A Dobbin (3)
9 P CARZARA 12 B Mactaggart 6-10-7 L O'Hara
10 0-00 MISS WAS 12 W Young 6-10-7 A Merrigan
11 112- RUN PET RUN 12 (S) P Monteith 8-10-7 S Lyons (5)

2-1 Extra Beat, 5-2 Marra's Roscoe, 5-1 Who Sir, 6-1 Miner Jackson, 10-1 Run Pet Run, 12-1 Shawwell, 20-1 others.

2.00 WEST OF SCOTLAND PATTERN NOVICES CHASE (Grade II: £9,544: 3m 1f) (7)

1 1111 WHISPERING STEEL 21 (S) G Richards 7-11-9 N Doughty
2 -211 CANDY TUFF 18 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-5 P Niven
3 5221 EASTERN OASIS 22 (F,G,S) J Andrews 10-11-5 P Williams
4 6332 ISLAND GALE 9 D McCune 8-11-5 P Waggott
5 5PU2 KILCLOONEY FORREST 16 Mrs S Smith 11-11-5 A Larnach
6 302F MILS MIJ 14 (F,G,S) J Hurst 8-11-5 T Reed
7 -3P2 TRUELY ROYAL 8 J Charlton 9-11-5 B Storey

4-5 Whispering Steel, 11-4 Candy Tuff, 9-2 Mils Mij, 10-1 Eastern Oasis, 14-1 Kilclooney Forrest, 33-1 Truely Royal, 50-1 Island Gale.

2.30 HARCROS SCOTTISH JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,945: 2m) (7)

1 2111 DOMINANT SERENADE 76 (D,G,S) M Hammond 11-9 P Niven
2 0 AGWA 15 J Gillies 11-0 P Williams (7)
3 0 MERRY SCORPION 16 E Owen Jr 11-0 A Larnach (5)
4 SHARP PRINCE 263F S Kettlewell 11-0 C Grant
5 53 MAKE ME PROUD 15 (BF) W Bentley 10-9 S Taylor (7)
6 MYSTIC MEMORY 179F Mrs M Reveley 10-9 R Hodge
7 UF SHAYNA MAIDEL 65 J Bidatt 10-9 A Jones

2-5 Dominant Serenade, 7-2 Mystic Memory, 7-1 Make Me Proud, 16-1 Shayna Maidel, 33-1 others.

3.00 HAMILTON CAMPBELL CHALLENGE CUP
(Handicap chase: £3,143: 3m 1f) (5)

1 111F MERRY MASTER 33 (F,G,S) R Armytage 9-12-0 Mr M Armytage
2 PP12 GENERAL PERSHING 12 (BF,C,F,G,S) G Richards 7-11-4 N Doughty
3 -221 PADAVENTURE 18 (C,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-0 P Niven
4 0FP1 FUNNY OLD GAME 9 (C,S) D McCune 6-10-0 B Storey
5 6540 OFF THE BRU 14 (B,C,G) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-0 Mr J Bradburne

6-4 Padaventure, 7-4 General Pershing, 5-2 Merry Master, 16-1 Funny Old Game, 25-1 Off The Bru.

3.30 SKELDON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,903: 2m) (7)

1 1141 SEON 60 (CD,F,G,S) W Bentley 7-12-0 S Taylor (3)
2 5400 PERSUASIVE 8 (CD,G,S) Miss L Perratt 6-11-10 F Perratt (5)
3 2UF4 BEAUCADEAU 14 (D,F) M Barnes 7-10-13 P Waggott
4 -322 THE GREEN FOOL 9 (D,S) V Thompson 6-10-7 N Leach
5 2233 WILLIE SPARKLE 9 (D,F) Mrs S Bradburne 7-10-7 P Williams
6 1415 REGAL ROMPER 7 (D,G) Mrs S Smith 5-10-3 D Towler (5)
7 F365 INVERTIEL 9 (CD,F) P Monteith 9-10-0 A Dobbin

7-4 Seon, 3-1 The Green Fool, 4-1 Willie Sparkle, 6-1 Beaucadeau, 13-2 Persuasive, 10-1 Regal Romper.

4.00 SORN NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,385: 2m) (11)

1 0F-1 ONE FOR THE POT 7 (D,G,S) M Naughton 8-11-10 P Niven
2 2F24 RIVER PEARL 44 (BF,G,S) G Richards 8-10-11 N Doughty
3 F30F DANTE'S INFERNO 9 (S) Mrs S Bradburne 7-10-7 T Reed
4 6040 PIT PONY 12 (G,S) Miss L Perratt 9-10-1 L O'Hara
5 3253 REEF LARK 68 (F,S) D McCune 8-10-1 K Johnson
6 F0-P EBRO 94 V Thompson 7-10-1 N Leach (7)
7 3/2- SCOTTISH REFORM 477 J J O'Neill 6-10-1 A Dobbin (3)
8 U64U DINSDALE LAD 8 M Barnes 7-10-1 P Waggott (7)
9 2100 NORTINO 26 (S) J Charlton 5-10-1 B Storey
10 3538 SIGNOR SASSIE 15F (G,S) N Tinkler 5-10-1 C Grant
11 0P-5 VEE TEE 7 V Thompson 7-10-1 A Merrigan

7-4 One For The Pot, 11-4 River Pearl, 9-2 Dante's Inferno, 6-1 Dinsdale Lad, 16-1 Reef Lark, 20-1 others.

4.30 ROGER FISHER STAKES
(National Hunt flat race: £1,712: 2m) (17)

1 4 BERVIE HOUSE 16 Mrs M Reveley 5-11-10 R Hodge
2 FULL OF FIRE G Richards 6-11-10 Mr J Weymes (7)
3 HULA Mrs S Taylor 5-11-10 D Barry (7)
4 0 LA FONTAINBLEAU 94 D Brown 5-11-10 Mr A Rebori
5 LOCHNAGRAIN Miss L Perratt 5-11-10 N Leach (7)
6 00 THORVALDRE 82 W Nelson 5-11-10 D Bentley (5)
7 CROSS REFERENCE J Brockbank 5-11-5 Miss J Thurlow
8 EMERALD CHARM J Charlton 5-11-5 D J Moffatt (5)
9 2 LITTLE BROMLEY 18 A Eubank 6-11-5 Mr R Hale (7)
10 4 BASILICUS 22 Mrs S Smith 4-11-0 D Towler (7)
11 MASTER FLASHMAN Mrs S Bradburne 4-11-0 P Williams (7)
12 NICHOLAS PLANT L Lungo 4-11-0 Mr C Ewart (7)
13 0 RALLEGIO 22 P Monteith 4-11-0 A Dobbin (3)
14 SQUIRE SILK Miss S Hall 4-11-0 B Harding (7)
15 TOASTER CRUMPET D McCain 4-11-0 D Walsh (5)
16 3 LINNGATE 22 L Lungo 4-10-9 F Perratt (7)
17 THISTLE PRINCESS G Richards 4-10-9 J Murphy (7)

3-1 Bervie House, 7-2 Little Bromley, 9-2 Linngate, 11-2 Basilicus, 7-1 Thistle Princess, 8-1 Full Of Fire, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 20 winners from 53 runners, 37.7%; G Richards, 49 from 227, 21.6%; J J O'Neill, 13 from 70, 18.6%; M Hammond, 6 from 38, 15.8%; N Tinkler, 7 from 47, 14.9%; Mrs S Bradburne, 10 from 75, 13.3%.

JOCKEYS: N Doughty, 30 from 118, 25.4%; P Niven, 28 from 111, 25.2%; Mr J Bradburne, 7 from 49, 14.3%; A Dobbin, 3 from 21, 14.3%; B Storey, 20 from 146, 13.7%; P Williams, 3 from 22, 13.6%.

□ Morley Street was withdrawn from the Wyko Power Transmission Hurdle at Cheltenham today due to the unsuitable going. The 1991 Champion Hurdle winner may now contest the Agfa Hurdle at Sandown or the Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton.

THUNDERER

1.20 Scots Law. 1.50 Master Hyde. 2.20 Premier Dance. 2.50 Lyn's Return. 3.20 Purbeck Centenary. 3.50 Speedy Classic.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW TO MIDDLE NUMBERS BEST

1.20 CRUSADER CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,355: 7f) (5 runners)

1 1-13 RESPECTABLE JONES 14 (F,G,S) (BF,CD) R Hollinshead 7-8-13 W Ryan 1
2 1-16 SCOTS LAW 16 (F) (BF,C,D) R O'Sullivan 6-8-11 D Biggs 4
3 00/0 LEAH JAY 21 (B) E Wheeler 6-8-9 J Quinn 3
4 062- SUMMER EXPRESS 30 (C) J Spearing 4-8-6 Alex Greaves 5
5 000- RAPID ROSE 18J D Laing 5-7-13 T Williams 2

1-4 Respectable Jones, 13-2 Summer Express, 8-1 Scots Law, 25-1 others.

1.50 CENTURION APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,554: 1m) (9)

1 -321 MASTER HYDE 7 (CD) P Mitchell 4-10-0 S O'Gorman 5
2 012- KING PARROT 44 (CD) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-9 D Salt (8) 9
3 400- COOL SOCIETY 191 (D,F) W Musson 4-9-9 D McCabe (5) 7
4 1-20 PIGALLE WONDER 7 (B,C) R O'Sullivan 5-8-2 B Russell 6
5 6-53 SAREEN EXPRESS 11 (CD) Mrs J Dawe 5-8-12 A Tucker 1
6 400- QUEEN OF DREAMS 165 J Scargill 5-8-2 P McCabe (5) 2
7 525- DANCING BOAT 30 (B) R Johnson Houghton 4-7-13 F Norton 8
8 000- LADY SNOOBLE 80 K Cunningham-Brown 5-7-12 S Drowne 4
9 3-60 GEMINI BAY 21 (B,F,G) R Voorspuy 4-7-9 B Doyle 3

7-4 Master Hyde, 4-1 King Parrot, 9-2 Sareen Express, 11-2 Dancing Boat, 8-1 Pigalle Wonder, 14-1 Queen Of Dreams, 16-1 Cool Society, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Hollinshead 8 winners from 19 runners, 42.1%; J Berry, 11 from 32, 34.4%; Lord Huntingdon, 9 from 31, 29%; G Harwood, 3 from 16, 18.8%; R J O'Sullivan, 19 from 105, 18.1%; C C Elsey, 16 from 96, 16.6%.

JOCKEYS: S O'Gorman, 11 from 81, 13.6%; N Howe, 4 from 39, 10.3%. Only qualifiers.

□ John Reid rode Gothland to win at Cagnes yesterday for John Hammond, the Chantilly trainer. British horses Fly Away Soon and Salbus both finished unplaced at the French track.

Blinkered first time: 1.20 Leah Jay. 3.20 Palacegate Girl.

2.20 DAILY STAR CHALLENGE HANDICAP
(£2,678: 1m 2f) (14)

1 40-3 DEBACLE 11 (BF,G) G Harwood 4-10-0 A McGlone 9
2 2013 FERDIA 7 (BF,CD) R Hollinshead 4-9-9 W Ryan 12
3 005- PRINCE ROONEY 30 (G,S) P Butler 5-9-1 S Drowne (7) 5
4 20-0 MUSIC DANCER 7 (G) R Spicer 4-9-0 J McLaughlin 10
5 51-1 CARLOWITZ 21 (CD) A Moore 5-8-13 B Russell (7) 11
6 3-34 TAUNTING 14 (CD) M Blanshard 5-8-12 S McCarthy (7) 14
7 06-0 ITHKURNI 21 P Hayward 4-8-5 T Williams 13
8 -420 NORTH FLYER 7 D Burchell 4-8-5 Stephen Davies (5) 2
9 00-0 LAMORE RITORNA 16 (G) K C-Brown 4-8-3 G Bardwell 8
10 02-3 PREMIER DANCE 23 (BF,CD) D Haydn Jones 6-8-2 D Biggs 6
11 0-00 EMAURA 7 (F) K Cunningham-Brown 4-7-13 J Quinn
12 04-5 SHARP THISTLE 22 (F) W Musson 7-7-12 Dale Gibson 7
13 /80/ CHESTER TERRACE 183 (G) J Spearing 9-7-7 D Wright (7) 3
14 05-6 WESSEX MILORD 16 J Bennett 8-7-7 Kim McDonnell (7) 1

7-2 Ferdia, 5-1 Debacle, 11-2 Carlowitz, 13-2 Premier Dance, 8-1 Taunting, 12-1 Music Dancer, North Flyer, 14-1 Prince Rooney, 16-1 Sharp Thistle, Lamore Ritorna, 20-1 others.

2.50 CHALLENGER HANDICAP (£3,841: 1m 4f) (7)

1 0-12 RAPPORTEUR 14 (CD,F,G) C C Elsey 7-10-0 J Williams 3
2 11-1 EL VOLADOR 14 (CD,F) R O'Sullivan 6-9-5 B Russell (7) 6
3 11-1 MULCIBER 14 (C,F) G Harwood 5-9-4 W Ryan 7
4 3-31 MODEST HOPE 19 (D,F) R Spicer 6-8-5 J Quinn 2
5 0-24 EL DOMINIO 11 (BF,C,G,S) K C-Brown 5-7-12 G Bardwell 5
6 0-41 BEAM ME UP SCOTTY 7 (CD) P Mitchell 4-7-11 N Carlisle 4
7 45-3 LYN'S RETURN 9J (D,F,G) R Simpson 4-7-11 B Doyle (5) 1

11-4 El Volador, 7-2 Mulciber, 4-1 Rapporteur, 5-1 Lyn's Return, 6-1 Modest Hope, 8-1 El Dominio, 16-1 Beam Me Up Scotty.

3.20 ALPINE MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,206: 6f) (6)

1 2-22 PIRATES GOLD 16 (BF) J White 9-0 Dale Gibson 1
2 00-3 PURBECK CENTENARY 21 M Channon 9-0 Lorna Vincent 6
3 000- YOUNG SPARKIE 52 R Johnson Houghton 9-0 W Ryan 3
4 0-33 BELLE SOIREE 18 (E) S Dow 8-9 A McGlone 5
5 5-46 HOTSOCKS 16 Pat Mitchell 8-9 Kim McDonnell (7) 4
6 40-5 PALACEGATE GIRL 15 (V) J Berry 8-9 L Charnock 2

7-4 Pirates Gold, 2-1 Purbeck Centenary, 4-1 Palacegate Girl, 6-1 Belle Soiree, 10-1 Young Sparkie, 20-1 Hotsocks.

3.50 COMET HANDICAP (£2,782: 6f) (9)

1 -211 SOBA GUEST 7 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 4-10-1 Emma O'Gorman (3) 6
2 001- LUCAYAN TREASURE 63 (V,C) D Loder 3-8-12 W Ryan 9
3 50-6 SIMMIE'S SPECIAL 7 (G) R Hollinshead 5-8-7 M Humphries (7) 5
4 -588 TOSHIBA COMET 15 (E,CD,F,G,S) Pat Mitchell 6-8-7 J Quinn 7
5 0-32 TEE-EMM 21 (CD) P Howling 3-8-5 L Carter (7) 8
6 00-0 HOME AFFAIR 28 K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-0 N Carlisle 2
7 83-4 BRIGHT PARAGON 21 (C,S) H Collingridge 4-7-11 Dale Gibson 1
8 00-3 SPEEDY CLASSIC 18 (B) M Heaton-Ellis 4-7-9 D Wright (7) 4
9 004- INSWINGER 30 (CD) W Wightman 7-7-7 G Bardwell 3

3-1 Soba Guest, 4-1 Lucayan Treasure, 6-1 Tee-Emm, 13-2 Speedy Classic, 7-1 Toshiba Comet, 8-1 Inswinger, 10-1 Simmie's Special, 14-1 others.

Doncaster

Going: good (good to firm in places)

1.00 (2m 4f hdle) 1, DAWADAR (P Midgley, 5-1); 2, As D'Eboli (W Owen, 11-1); 3, Pandessa (R Hodge, Evens fav). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Raawi (pu), 14 Ring Corbitts (pu), 16 Gymcrak Gamble (4th). 6 ran. NR: Rhoman Coin. 3l, 5l, 2½l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £4.90; £1.80, £3.60. DF: £18.20. CSF: £44.77.

1.30 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, TAKEMETHERE (D Richmond, 11-4); 2, Palm Reader (C Grant, 9-2); 3, Springholm (R Dunwoody, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Hall Brother (pu), 14 Alan Ball (4th), 40 Western Truce (pu). 6 ran. 1½l, 10l, 15l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £5.10; £2.60, £2.00. DF: £13.80. CSF: £14.21

2.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, FRICKLEY (N Doughty, 11-10 fav); 2, Dreamers Delight (R Dunwoody, 2-1); 3, Stormhead (J Osborne, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 20 Vasiliev (4th), Ringland (5th). 5 ran. 4l, 10l, 3l, ½l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.50. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.55.

2.35 (3m ch) 1, MUSTHAVEASWIG (R Dunwoody, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Mr Tittle Tattle (A Tory, 12-1); 3, Carrickrovaddy (B de Haan, 10-1); 4, Arthur's Minstrel (C Grant, 3-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Ryton Guard, 12 Catchapenny, 16 Woodland Flower (pu), Sheriff's Band (5th), Osmosis, Into The Trees, 20 Cairneymount (pu), 25 Precious Memories (pu), 33 Bruce's Castle (pu), Needwood Forest (ur), Travel Temporaire (pu), 50 War Head, 66 Bawnrush (f), Jessop (pu), 100 Kelly Owens (6th). 19 ran. Nk, nk, 15l, 2½l, 3½l. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote: £3.70; £1.70, £2.90, £1.80, £1.50. DF: £28.40. CSF: £38.68. Tricast: £314.10.

3.05 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, I'M TOBY (M Dwyer, 20-21 fav); 2, Smith Too (M Pitman, 8-1); 3, David John (J Osborne, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Feral (4th), 10 Coleridge (5th), 25 Hawthorne Glen, 50 Highland Rally (6th), 66 High Caste. 8 ran. 3l, 10l, 7l, 4l, 5l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.40, £2.50. DF: £5.40. CSF: £9.06.

3.35 (2m 110yd ch) 1, BELSTONE FOX (R Dunwoody, 11-1); 2, Montpelier Lad (N Doughty, 10-11 fav); 3, Holdenby (P Niven, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Copper Mine (4th), 11-2 Quentin Durwood (ur), 20 Midnight Story (6th), 33 Top Villain (5th), 50 Keep Sharp. 8 ran. NR: Barge Boy. Nk, 15l, 3l, 25l, 4l. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote: £8.80; £1.50, £1.20, £1.70. DF: £8.40. CSF: £21.51.

4.05 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, OUR SLIMBRIDGE (A Carroll, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Chatworth Raider (V Slattery, 16-1); 3, Srivijaya (P Niven, 4-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Fox Chapel, 11-2 Star Of The Glen, 8 Song Of Sixpence (4th), 10 Gallateen (6th), 14 Fiery Sun, 20 Creagger (5th), 25 Prince Juan (pu), Big Diamond, 33 Bumptious Boy, Triple Top, 100 Sockem (fell). 14 ran. 1½l, 3½l, 6l, ¾l, 5l. C Williams at Newmarket. Tote: £5.30; £1.80, £5.10, £1.90. DF: £91.70. CSF: £63.61. Tricast: £257.89.

Placepot: £114.20.

Wincanton

Going: soft

1.40 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Paddysway (A Maguire, 7-1); 2, Kiwi Velocity (3-1 fav); 3, Prussian Guard (20-1). 13 ran. NR: First Command. 2l, 12l. G Ham. Tote: £10.00; £2.80, £1.60, £8.80. DF: £14.30. CSF: £27.45. Tricast: £375.77.

2.10 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Shaston (P Holley, 25-1); 2, Annio Chilone (11-2); 3, Claxton Greene (7-4 fav). 13 ran. NR: Cobb Run. 1l, 10l. W G M Turner. Tote: £23.60; £4.60, £1.90, £1.80. DF: £102.00. CSF: £154.81.

2.40 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Under Offer (Mr C Hancock, 9-1); 2, Sunbeam Talbot (3-1); 3, Naughty Nicky (14-1). What A To Do 5-2 fav. 9 ran. 12l, nk. J King. Tote: £10.50; £2.80, £1.60, £1.70. DF: £26.40. CSF: £36.82. Tricast: £353.15.

3.10 (2m hdle) 1, Land of The Free (J Lower, 7-4); 2, Athar (6-4 fav); 3, Another Vintage (11-2). 9 ran. NR: Miss Marigold. Hd, 20l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £1.20, £1.80. DF: £2.90. CSF: £4.64.

3.40 (2m ch) 1, Broughton Manor (M A Fitzgerald, 6-4 fav); 2, Smartie Express (12-1); 3, Panto Prince (7-1). 6 ran. 2½l, 15l. Mrs J Retter. Tote: £2.80; £1.60, £2.30. DF: £10.50. CSF: £16.19.

4.10 (2m hdle) 1, High Baron (M Hourigan, 10-11 fav); 2, Free Justice (16-1); 3, Jedidh (25-1). 12 ran. 10l, 5l. R Alner. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £2.80, £1.90. DF: £12.40. CSF: £16.00. Tricast: £219.00.

Placepot: £19.00.

Uttoxeter

Going: heavy

1.20 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Wild Bramble (P Niven, 7-4); 2, Ardlussa Bay (9-1); 3, Sedge Warbler (5-4 fav). 7 ran. NR: Kelly's Court. 1l, 12l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.10; £1.60, £2.80. DF: £9.50. CSF: £16.08.

1.50 (2m ch) 1, Dr Rocket (D Meredith, 7-4); 2, Pithy (5-4 fav); 3, Up-A-Point (12-1). 4 ran. ¾l, 1¾l. R Dickin. Tote: £2.80. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.21.

2.20 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Norstock (K Comerford, 9-4 fav); 2, Duckhaven (10-1); 3, Mick's Tycoon (9-2). 17 ran. 15l, 3l. J White. Tote: £3.60; £1.70, £5.30, £2.00. DF: £27.60. CSF: £26.51. Bought in 3,500gns.

2.50 (2m 5f ch) 1, Gay Ruffian (P Scudamore, 2-5 fav); 2, The Laughing Lord (10-1); 3, La Bucheron (7-1). 9 ran. 30l, 10l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £3.00, £1.80. DF: £5.80. CSF: £6.08.

3.20 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Express Realo (S Smith Eccles, 3-1); 2, Captain My Captain (7-1); 3, Miss Capulet (9-2). Murphaideez 9-4 fav. 9 ran. 12l, 7l. T Thomson Jones. Tote: £3.90; £1.40, £1.80, £1.40. DF: £10.10. CSF: £23.01. Tricast: £84.71.

3.50 (3m 2f ch) 1, Pesjade (W Marston, 5-1; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Direct (5-2); 3, Arctic Teal (12-1). Brompton Road 9-4 fav. 8 ran. 2½l, 25l. D Nicholson. Tote: £5.50; £1.70, £1.70, £3.10. DF: £18.10. CSF: £19.36. Tricast: £139.55.

4.20 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Duncan Idaho (I Lawrence, 8-11 fav); 2, Tarkovsky (12-1); 3, Dolly Wardance (20-1). 7 ran. 3l, 2l. R Callow. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £2.80. DF: £9.40. CSF: £10.56.

Placepot: £66.10.

Southwell

Going: standard

1.55 (6f) 1, Play Hevir Golf (W Ryan, 4-1); 2, Stardust Express (5-1); 3, Comet Whirlpool (6-1). Dasnlera 9-4 fav. 7 ran. 2l, 1½l. T Naughton. Tote: £4.20; £2.80, £2.40. DF: £13.20. CSF: £21.60.

2.25 (6f) 1, Buzbour (S Wood, 6-1); 2, Last Straw (10-1); 3, Wee Sarah (8-1). Express Service 2-1 fav. 9 ran. ¾l, 3½l. D Chapman. Tote: £8.30; £1.40, £4.80, £2.00. DF: £161.80. CSF: £63.26.

2.55 (1m) 1, No Submission (S Wood, 4-7 fav); 2, Thamsam (14-1); 3, Digger Doyle (14-1). 10 ran. NR: Lily's Lover. 1¾l, 1½l. D Chapman. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £3.10, £3.40. DF: £9.90. CSF: £11.28.

3.25 (7f) 1, Golden Klair (J Quinn, 4-5 fav); 2, Kingston Brown (14-1); 3, Ashover (12-1). 7 ran. 2l, 6l. C Hill. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £3.10. DF: £7.50. CSF: £12.55.

3.55 (1m) 1, Mentalasanythin (Kim Tinkler, 11-2); 2, Admirals Secret (12-1); 3, Quinzii Martin (11-2). Lord Naskra 2-1 fav. 10 ran. 2l, 1l. N Tinkler. Tote: £6.00; £2.80, £2.80, £2.10. DF: £44.90. CSF: £69.31. Tricast: £349.91.

4.25 (1m 6f) 1, Master's Crown (D McCabe, 5-2 fav); 2, Classic Account (10-1); 3, Well And Truly (8-1). 10 ran. NR: Bedouin Prince, Lizzie Drippin. 6l, 6l. M Chapman. Tote: £3.50; £1.10, £1.60, £2.40. DF: £14.90. CSF: £27.88. Tricast: £127.32.

Placepot: £1,560.60.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Plumpton, Southwell (all-weather).
TUESDAY: Nottingham, Sedgefield, Lingfield Park (all-weather).
WEDNESDAY: Leicester, Windsor, Southwell (all-weather).
THURSDAY: Towcester, Edinburgh, Lingfield Park (all-weather).
FRIDAY: Lingfield Park, Kelso, Southwell (all-weather).
SATURDAY: Sandown Park, Chepstow, Stratford, Wetherby, Lingfield Park (all-weather).

(Flat meetings in bold)

□ Carl Llewellyn must pass a fitness test today before renewing his partnership with Grand National winner Party Politics at Cheltenham. He took a crack on the head that needed a stitch when Quick Rapor was hampered and brought down at Wincanton yesterday, but he is confident of getting the all-clear.

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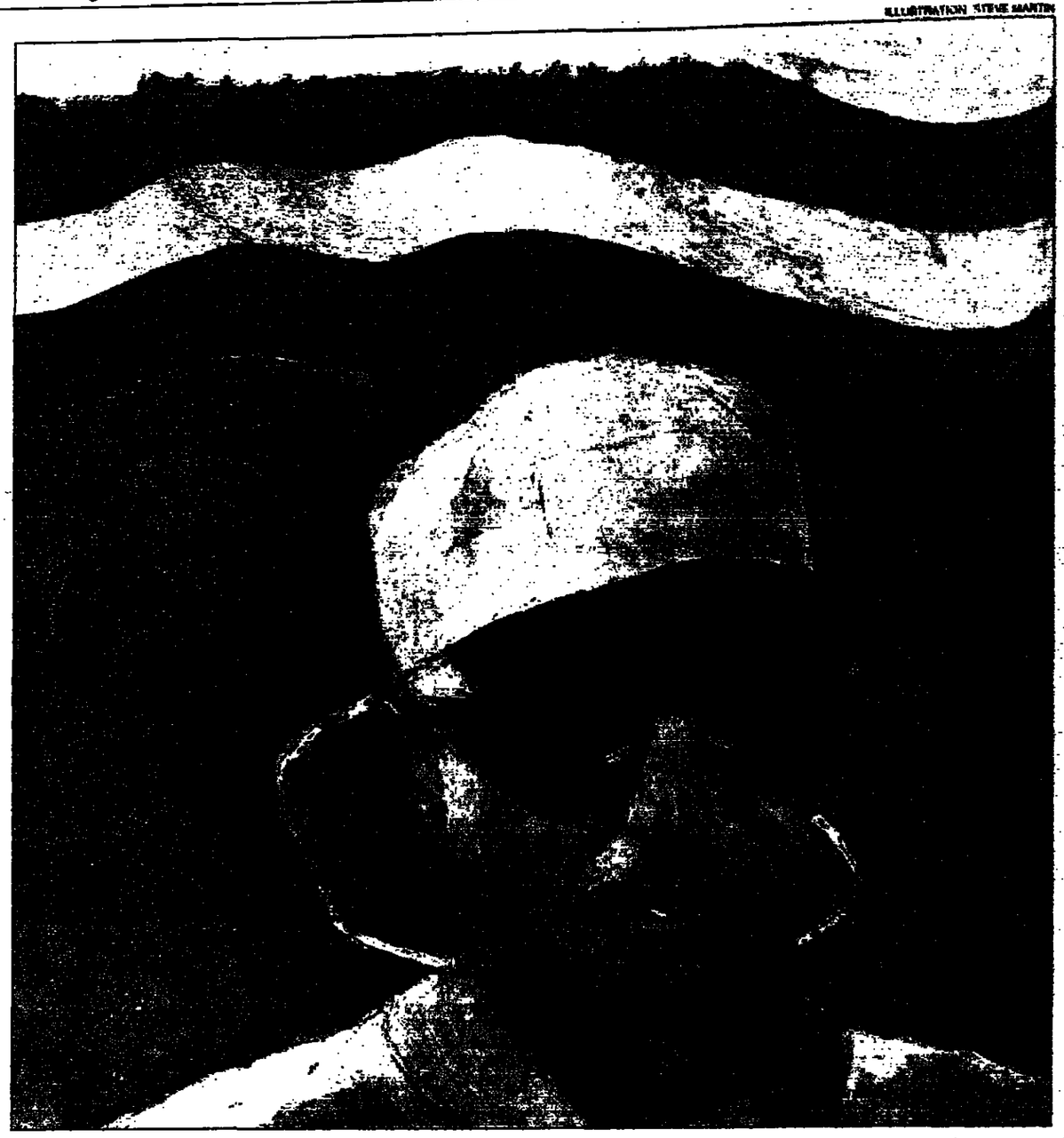

Today, Troy Aikman is a football player. Rather a good one. By the time the sun sinks into the Los Angeles smog tomorrow evening, he could be an American icon. High stakes indeed. He could even be in line for the ultimate accolade, an appearance on the Wheaties box: Wheaties, the Breakfast of Champions. Aikman is free, white and 26, and the world is his Wheaties box. Perhaps.

All he has to do is win a football game tomorrow. The game, naturally, is the Super Bowl. Dallas Cowboys play the Buffalo Bills. Dallas and Aikman are overwhelmingly favoured to win. If that happens, Aikman is sure of massive amounts of adulation, glory, status, dollars, even power, if he wants to seek it. It is victory, not dollars, he seeks, but for him, victory would come crusted with diamonds. If he plays his hand well, he can help himself to whatever he happens to feel like.

And he has so many good cards to play, quite apart from being a fine football player. He is blond and has large, immensely noticeable blue eyes. He is undeniably handsome, but in a perfectly acceptable and thoroughly *ordinary* way.

He is a mere 26, in only his fourth season. Jim Kelly, the opposing quarterback, is 33 next month. Aikman has "youthful, laid-back country boy charm", according to an advertising man, Bob Dorfman, smacking his lips at endorsement possibilities. But the richest endorsement possibilities depend on victory tomorrow.

Aikman spent his high school years in a little town in Oklahoma called Henryetta. "He drives a pickup, wears boots, drinks light beer, and he's cool and calm," a former coach said. Visitors to Henryetta encounter a sign informing them that they are entering the home town of Troy Aikman: "Every sportsman dreams about that," Aikman said boyishly. But with Aikman, everything is moderated by something else. Handsome, but not too much; cool, but not too much; he is also a country boy, but not in overplus. He spent important years in Los Angeles (enough to blight anybody's life, though he seems to have risen above it) as child and college footballer.

All the above makes Aikman all right. What makes him unique is that he is quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys: the quarterback who has led the rebirth of America's Team. Imagine Bobby Charlton come again to rescue Manchester United from the third division, and then start multiplying. Aikman is — potentially — the stuff of legend and icon.

Television created Manchester United fans all over England. In the same way, television created Dallas fans all over the United States. When the game took off as a television phenomenon in the Seventies, Dallas were supreme. Silver uniform, blue star on the helmet, and always winning: across the nation, they attracted the self-serving love that only winners can inspire. So they allocated themselves that vainglorious nickname: America's Team.

But Dallas lost the high ground. The rest of the world caught up. Dallas failed to respond, and they became losers. America's Team meant failure.

Then, at last, came the turnaround, and it was very recent. It happened after the club was bought in 1989 by an oil-and-gas man named Jerry Jones. Jones hasn't stopped gassing all week, as

Aikman is the man in the eye of the Dallas typhoon. Victory will bring glory, status and power, and come crusted in diamonds

a matter of fact. He has filled more quote-sheets than Aikman. He took the club over, appointed himself general manager, brought in an old mate, Jimmy Johnson, as coach, and set off, firing the old coaching legend, Tom Landry, and getting rid of the almost-equally-legendary general manager, Tex Schramm, as he went.

Schramm now says that there were three elements that made it all work. One was Johnson's ability to evaluate personnel. Another was an extraordinary player-trading coup. But the crucial element? "One, they had a great quarterback to start with in Aikman."

Aikman played his first season in 1989: one win, 15 defeats. Enough to destroy teams, schemes, dreams and quarterbacks. But it did not. Things got better, and they did so fast. Three seasons on, the Cowboys and Aikman are the favouites to win the sport's ultimate prize.

The side has the youngest average age in the National Football League: already, with the rashness that only sports writers can muster, there are people predicting a decade of unbroken success. Do you know that we could be witnessing the beginning of a Dallas die-nasty? Imagine that.

Aikman is the man in the eye of the typhoon. Calm and still. Quiet. Courteous and quite effortlessly bland. Don't say anything cute, it'll misfire. Don't say anything nasty, it'll make headlines. Be nice, be straight, be handsome.

Aikman comes over as infinitely laid-back. This has always been a traditional defence for the shy. In his stillness and his quiet, in his self-contained nature, there is just a hint of Joe Montana. And if there is a hint of Montana in his play, then for sure, Dallas will be rejoicing tomorrow night, and so will the Wheaties men.

"He is playing very, very, very well," Emmitt Smith said, making things quite clear. Smith, the Dallas running back, is a potential game-winner in his own right. Dallas had to beat the legendary and dynastic San Francisco 49ers to reach the Super Bowl, which many thought was a game too far for them. But Dallas won 30-20 and Aikman had a blinder. "He definitely had a great game then," Smith said. "And he's definitely the reason we won the ball game. I think he's going to go out this weekend and perform like he did the last game. Hopefully, even better."

Aikman is not a spectacular quarterback, like Kelly, but he is solid, accurate, smart and brave: quite enough to be going on with. Norv Turner, the offensive co-ordinator for the Cowboys, said: "For a guy with a big arm, he's remarkably accurate. We can go through an entire practice and not have the ball hit the ground. He's got great vision, he's got great accuracy, and in games he's willing to stand there and wait until the last second to throw the ball. Early, people criticised him because the protection didn't hold up. Now, the protection's holding up, and people are saying 'Wow'."

There is one drawback to all this lovely, positive stuff. What if the Cowboys lose? What if the Cowboys let the second-division side win? What if America's Team turns back into losers again? There is a lot of pressure on Aikman.

"Pressure?" he asked wonderingly. "This pressure you're supposed to feel. It doesn't concern me. Playing a football game is not pressure. Pressure is struggling to provide for your family. Pressure is a surgeon operating to save a life. This is a football game. Sure, it's important to me — but life does go on."

Well, if you really believe that, then you know you have nothing to win and nothing to lose, as another American once said.

Sport is about all kinds of artifical pressures, and how people respond to them. Being a blond, blue-eyed quarterback playing for the Dallas Cowboys in the Super Bowl will unquestionably be a serious examination of competitive nerve.

Aikman is a serious sufferer from pre-match nerves. Most football players are. It is the combination of scarcity — there are only 16 games in a regular season — and the appalling physical battering they face. The pre-match throw-up is a standard part of preparation for many players.

Aikman prepares by seeking quiet. "I don't like being around people before a game," he said. "I sit by myself in the locker-room. It doesn't help the butterflies. But it helps me get focused."

Aikman, focused, leads a driving, hungry, aggressive offense. "We really go out and play to win games," he said. "We don't play not to lose. That's the way we've played all season long, and that's how we'll continue to play. If it had been any different against the 49ers, we probably wouldn't have won the game."

"He's the same guy, but he's different," Jim Jeffcoat, teammate, defensive end, and an NFL player for ten seasons, said. "More confident. A leader. Quiet, but a leader." Tomorrow, we will see how he reacts to all this allegedly non-existent pressure. Pressure is endlessly destructive, endlessly inspiring. On Monday morning, Aikman will eat the Breakfast of Champions. Or not, of course.

Year	Game	Winners		Losers		Venue	Att
1967	I	Green Bay	35	Kansas City	10	Los Angeles	61,946
1968	II	Green Bay	33	Oakland	14	Miami	75,546
1969	III	NY Jets	16	Baltimore	7	Miami	75,389
1970	IV	Kansas City	23	Minnesota	7	New Orleans	80,562
1971	V	Baltimore	16	Dallas	13	Miami	79,204
1972	VI	Dallas	24	Miami	3	New Orleans	81,023
1973	VII	Miami	14	Washington	7	Los Angeles	90,182
1974	VIII	Miami	24	Minnesota	7	Houston	71,882
1975	IX	Pittsburgh	16	Minnesota	6	New Orleans	80,997
1976	X	Pittsburgh	21	Dallas	17	Miami	80,187
1977	XI	Oakland	32	Minnesota	14	Pasadena	103,438
1978	XII	Dallas	27	Denver	10	New Orleans	75,583
1979	XIII	Pittsburgh	35	Dallas	31	Miami	79,484
1980	XIV	Pittsburgh	31	Los Angeles	19	Pasadena	103,985
1981	XV	Oakland	27	Philadelphia	10	New Orleans	76,135
1982	XVI	San Francisco	26	Cincinnati	21	Pontiac	81,270
1983	XVII	Washington	27	Miami	17	Pasadena	103,667
1984	XVIII	LA Raiders	38	Washington	9	Tampa	72,920
1985	XIX	San Francisco	38	Miami	16	Stanford	84,059
1986	XX	Chicago	46	New England	10	New Orleans	73,818
1987	XXI	NY Giants	39	Denver	20	Pasadena	101,063
1988	XXII	Washington	42	Denver	10	San Diego	73,302
1989	XXIII	San Francisco	20	Cincinnati	16	Miami	75,129
1990	XXIV	San Francisco	55	Denver	10	New Orleans	72,919
1991	XXV	NY Giants	20	Buffalo	19	Tampa	73,813
1992	XXVI	Washington	37	Buffalo	24	Minneapolis	63,130

☐ Super Bowl XXVII kicks off at 11.18pm GMT tomorrow. There will be live coverage from Pasadena on Channel 4 from 10.45.

☐ Dallas Cowboys, the champions of the National Football Conference, have won 15 games and lost three this season. In the play-offs they beat the Philadelphia Eagles and the San Francisco 49ers. They are making a record sixth Super Bowl appearance, having won twice and lost three times.

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Fruits aplenty in the Gardens of Eden

DAVID MILLER

At the Calcutta Test

THE fruit pickers were busy after tea. The crowd here at Eden Gardens indulges in a kind of benign hooliganism, tossing oranges on to the field which are re-gathered by scurrying attendants with baskets. It is a sign of sublime happiness, however temporary. Mohammad Azharuddin, reaching his century yesterday, was such a moment.

The India captain was in glorious form, effortlessly dispatching England's toiling pace attack to every corner with supple yet powerful wrists. His driving off the back foot was a joy, his square cutting cruel, his timing impeccable. He barely gave a chance. He raced from 50 to his twelfth Test century, on the same ground where he had scored his first, nine years ago, in 75 minutes, the flow undimmed in the 90s as he punished Chris Lewis and Paul Jarvis.

Expectation among the crowd, by now swollen to more than 50,000, had been growing like a long roll of drums, and as he passed the milestone, thousands of newspapers were ignited. Almost immediately, the crowd began to leave, though there were another 20 minutes or so of play before bad light brought a halt. With Azharuddin eventually not out on 114, the spectators' humble day had been fulfilled by another's excellence.

Azharuddin said that, being overdue for a big score, he had begun short of confidence. "But by the time I reached 20 or so, I had my rhythm and then everything came smoothly," he said. "It was the best of my centuries, I think, other than that at Lord's." In 1990, he made 117 there.

The first day of the first Test was a delightful mosaic within the huge stadium. There was often a haze over the nearby Hoogli river and the vast adjacent Maiden Park, where beggars and itinerant tradesmen doze in the sun and five-year-olds hawk peanuts, matches and chewing gum. Now and then, a clear sun broke through.

Overhead, the ravens circled in motionless flight. Beneath, great gusts of rowdy appreciation greeted every England misfortune, every boundary from Prabhakar, then Azharuddin and Sachin Tendulkar as the ball blipped over the thick white perimeter rope. "100-dulkar" mocked the banners at England. But Tendulkar was out to a foolish shot, the third of Graeme Hick's catches at second slip, off Devon Malcolm. From the bowling of Ian Salisbury, he had just reached his fifty.

Graham Gooch, having suffered the withdrawal of Atherton less than an hour before the start, had been looking decidedly hang-dog as the Indian middle-order partnership reached 100 in 108 minutes. Yet it was to the credit of England's attack, and equally their fielding, that they remained aggressively positive to the end, even if too often pitching short. Given the Indians' dominance all day, the close-of-play score of 263 for four was less severe than it might have been, thanks in part to a slow, though even-bounced, pitch.

Paul Taylor, who not that long ago was an electrical worker until given his chance by Northamptonshire following a performance against them for Staffordshire, immediately found a fine length in his opening spell as second-change, working the seam well for figures of 8-1-25-1. He suffered later when Azharuddin and Tendulkar laid about them.

There was momentary exhilaration for England when Salisbury came on and removed Prabhakar with his fifth ball, Lewis taking a sharp catch to put India 93 for three. Salisbury conceded just over three runs per over in 13, and caused problems as he turned the ball both ways. The next four days will reveal whether Gooch was correct to play only one specialist spinner. Azharuddin soon removed Hick from contention in mid-afternoon, and it was left to the pace bowlers to try and effect damage-limitation, which they did fairly well in the last phase.

Malcolm, from either end, intermittently produced a really dangerous ball and all the Indian batsmen were at times obliged to play defensively forward. But not often enough. As India began to accelerate after lunch, the crowd looked for alternative moments of entertainment, and contrived to produce the only exhibition on record of the Mexican wave going in opposite directions simultaneously on different sides of the ground.

And always there was the punctuation of another riveting shot from Azharuddin, perhaps the most noticeable of which coming when he drilled Jarvis straight to the boundary to reach 97. It was a memorable day.

Young fast bowlers can advance their claims

Sydney: Almost unnoticed by a country devouring its summer surfeit of major sport, England's A team has arrived in Australia for a nine-week tour which will be the making of some players and, perhaps, the resurrection of others (Alan Lee writes).

The 15-strong party, under the captaincy of Martyn Moxon and the management of Mike Vockins and Norman Gifford, has spent the past two days practising in outdoor nets for the first time since last September. There are no international games and, as some of the state sides will be putting out virtual second teams due to shield and cup commitments, the Australians' organisation seems dutiful rather than enthusiastic.

From England's view, however, the A team concept is established as an acclimatising step between the homeliness of county cricket and the isolation of Tests and it is important that this healthy progression is nurtured by the continuation of annual tours.

This year's group is a fascinating mix. There will always be contentious omissions and Ramprakash, who seems to have been given a blank winter to brush up on his manners, is the most striking.

Of the three who have played Test cricket already, Jack Russell is much the most likely to do so again. Moxon himself could become a captaincy candidate but David Capel is a surprising inclusion after doing little of late to suggest he can achieve in his thirties what he never quite managed in his twenties.

Seven of the party are 24 or under and the pace bowlers look particularly well chosen. Millns, Caddick, Cork and Ilott all offer something different and there are those who would happily have sent the entire quartet to India.

Of the batsmen, I expect great things of Mark Lathwell if he can begin to apply his prodigious touch to the building of major scores rather than stunning fifties.

The 30 match days on tour include five four-day games, four of them on Test grounds, and if the cricket is not as representative as England would have liked, it will surely be instructive. Tomorrow's opening fixture, a one-day game against a weakened New South Wales XI, takes place on the charming ground at Bowral, a monument to the village's most famous son. Three days in Canberra follow, after which the party moves on to Tasmania, where an interested spectator will be the chairman of the England committee, Ted Dexter.

Lathwell: a fine prospect

BOXING

Honeyghan seeks one last pay-day

By Bryan Stiles

LLOYD Honeyghan is drinking at the last chance saloon. The former world welterweight champion needs to swallow hard and eliminate Mickey Hughes in double quick time tonight at Brentwood or he can write off any hope of once more wearing a world crown. Defeat dictates he should not fight again.

At 32, he seeks the glory and the money a world title can bring and has targeted Hughes's Commonwealth light-middleweight championship as the key. Success will enable his manager, Mickey Duff, to guide him to one last pot of gold.

Duff would make Gianfranco Rossi, the Italian holder of the International Boxing Federation title, an offer he would find difficult to resist, and it would be a challenge Honeyghan would relish — he knocked out Rossi in the third round when they met in Perugia in 1985.

Disposing of Hughes, from Croydon, will not be easy. The Commonwealth champion is quite capable of snuffing out Honeyghan's dream with one punch.

Herbie Hide, the World Boxing Council (WBC) international heavyweight champion, tops the bill tonight, taking on Juan Antonio Diaz, of Argentina, for the World Boxing Association penta-continental title — another vehicle for boxers in the second division. Hide's original opponent, Danny Stonewalker, was turned down by the WBC as not being good enough, yet stand-in Diaz is not in the top 30 either. He should not trouble Hide, who is undefeated in 19 bouts.

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Keegan and Cox rekindle the fire

Ian Ross reports on a renewal of friendship and admiration when Newcastle play Derby at St James' Park

Howay the lads: Keegan and Cox celebrate at St James' Park after Newcastle clinched promotion to the first division in May, 1984

IN A less demanding sphere of sport, where the dividing line between success and failure was not so clearly defined, Kevin Keegan and Arthur Cox could enjoy each other's company tomorrow.

But for the first division fixture between their respective clubs, Newcastle United and Derby County, the two managers, close friends for more than a decade, would find much of mutual interest to discuss at St James' Park.

The three points at stake are vital; for Keegan to maintain Newcastle's surge towards the Premier League, for Cox to provide evidence that his £10 million spending at Derby will yield similar dividends.

In 1982, Cox was the manager of a Newcastle side that was marooned in the old second division. Needing to fan a dwindling fire, he turned to Keegan, then a player at Southampton, and convinced him that his future lay in the North East.

Two seasons later, Newcastle, inspired by Keegan, won back their place among English football's elite. It was to be a hollow triumph. His appetite for an increasingly physical sport sated, Keegan retired. Shortly afterwards, unable to agree the terms of a new contract, Cox also departed.

The lugubrious Cox is a man renowned for his economy of words. Yet when the subject of football is extended to embrace the topic of Keegan's input, both past and present, he is effusive.

"Kevin epitomises everything you would want to see in a promising young footballer," he said. "His attitude, his manner, his dedication were all exemplary. He is a very special person."

Cox speaks with almost paternal pride of Keegan's achievements and is one of the few who claims to understand his decision to delay his entrance into football management.

"It is not really for me to speculate on precisely why it was Kevin stayed out of the game he loves for so long," he said. "Obviously, he had his reasons but it is interesting to note that it took Newcastle to tempt him back. He had a very special relationship with the people of the North East during his time as a player at the club and it touched him deeply.

"I'm very proud of the fact that it was me who took him to Newcastle in the first place," Cox said. "It was me who persuaded him to join the club although, to be honest, he did not need much persuading.

"I simply told him that I needed him, the club needed him and the people of Newcastle needed him."

Cox's affection for Keegan is not only accepted with grace but fully reciprocated. Keegan concedes that had it been any manager other than Cox charged with luring him to Newcastle, he would almost certainly have declined.

"Yes, he was perhaps the main reason I decided to sign for them," he said. "Looking back now, there were, I suppose, two things which drew me to St James' Park — the size and stature of the club, and Arthur. In the end, most things in life do come down to people and to the relationships you make and maintain. It is people you tie yourself to, not buildings or jobs.

"In footballing terms, Arthur and myself did not work together for all that long but it was a valuable time for me and, possibly, for him also. I learned a great deal from him and, while 'we are totally different in many respects, we share a mutual respect for each other's abilities."

Keegan may still be negotiating the lower rungs of the managerial ladder but Cox can foresee the day when pupil will become master.

"I think Kevin will make an even bigger mark as a manager than as a player," he said. "Bearing in mind his achievements at Liverpool, Hamburg, Southampton and Newcastle United, that is quite a bold statement.

"But he is the sort of man who will succeed at anything once he has committed his heart and soul to a venture.

"He has said that Newcastle is the only club he is interested in managing which, in the years ahead, will leave him with only the international arena.

"Once Graham Taylor has achieved what we all hope he will achieve, I believe that Kevin will emerge as the most likely, the natural, successor as England manager.

"Friendship apart, tomorrow's game should be interesting," Cox said. "Newcastle are 13 points clear at the top and we have won 12 of our 17 games away from home this season. That sounds like a recipe for entertainment."

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	27	19	4	4	51	23	61
West Ham	26	14	6	6	49	25	48
Millwall	26	13	9	4	47	22	48
Tranmere	25	13	6	6	49	33	45
Portsmouth	28	12	7	7	45	30	43
Leicester	26	12	6	8	38	32	42
Wolves	27	10	10	7	38	32	40
Swindon	26	10	8	7	44	40	38
Charlton	27	9	11	7	39	27	38
Grimsby	26	11	4	11	39	35	37
Watford	27	9	9	9	39	44	36
Derby	25	10	4	11	40	35	34

Points equal pounds in lower reaches of Premier League

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

ARSENAL and Liverpool will play for pounds as well pride at Highbury tomorrow. One Premier League innovation is that, in May, each of its 22 clubs qualifies for prize-money allocated on a sliding scale determined by position. The bottom side will receive £37,055 with increments rising by that amount with each position. The champions will earn £815,210.

Presently tenth, George Graham's Arsenal would thus make £481,715 if they stayed put, while Graeme Souness's Liverpool, who have gone seven games without victory, would accrue £333,495 for remaining fourteenth.

Considering that Mick Quinn — who has scored 13 goals in 12 games for Coventry City and was yesterday recommended by his manager, Bobby Gould, for England's forthcoming World Cup match against San Marino — cost the club £250,000, such prize-money could enable clubs to purchase some useful players.

Success will also bring additional television appearances and they should ensure that, by taking the title, England's top team grosses over £1 million in performance-related earnings.

With only 11 points covering 13 clubs in mid-table, two wins could be worth £250,000 or more by May, the merit table thereby eliminating those meaningless end-of-season fixtures.

The performance-linked cash accounts for 25 per cent of the funds distributed by the Premier League, with a further £18.75 million divided equally (£750,000 each) between the 22 teams and the three relegated from the first division last season.

Clubs appearing on television share £9.375 million, with £69,335 for each team involved in 60 live BSkyB matches and £7,755 to clubs featured on BBC's *Match of the Day*.

Unlikely champions they may be, but it thus behoves Arsenal and Liverpool to climb the table — an exercise which could remove pressure on Souness.

Rick Parry, the chief executive of the Premier League, said: "The system of allocation is not so much one of equal shares, as equal opportunities. Teams are rewarded for success."

That is something which has been in short supply at Liverpool of late and Souness could do with a win tomorrow.

Souness has cited a shortage of millions as a cause of Liverpool's mediocrity, but Hartlepool United would certainly settle for being in a similar financial state.

The second division club was yesterday relieved when the High Court in London cancelled a winding-up order against them. Hartlepool faced a demand for payment of debts amounting to £263,607.

Mr Justice Ferris said that creditors must be paid "within a very limited time" if the club was to stay in business.

GOLF

Ballesteros states case for return of the golden years

FROM MEL WEBB IN DUBAI

THE lead in the Dubai Desert Classic was shared at the Emirates club here yesterday by two Irishmen and a South African, but it was the buccaneering golf and defiant words of a great Spaniard that stirred the juices more than even their deeds of derring-do.

Ronan Rafferty, Paul McGinley and Wayne Westner finished the second day on 135, nine under par, but none of them will feel comfortable in the knowledge that Severiano Ballesteros is lurking ominously only four strokes behind.

Ballesteros, who won here last year in a play-off with Rafferty before plummeting to his worst Order of Merit position for 19 years, had a round of 68 for a total of 139.

"I am not prepared to have that kind of year again," he said, involuntarily but perhaps significantly clenching his fist. "I am feeling very positive — I'm really looking forward to the next two days.

"I am looking at myself as still a champion. I am sure I am going to win again, maybe not this week, but very soon. There is no reason why I am finished. I believe I still have some golden moments ahead."

He had just completed a round that included some vintage Ballesteros golf — occasionally erratic driving, a touch of genius in a sabre-sharp short game and putting that was, in the end, too positive for its own good.

He had six birdies by the time he reached the 17th green. Looking to save another stroke, he put his first putt five feet past and missed coming back. Three putts there, then, and three more on the last, from 20 feet. Two pars would have unsettled the leaders, two birdies would have frightened them stiff.

McGinley, a fast-talking young Irishman, dropped a shot at his first hole, but picked up three birdies later on to finish with a solid 70.

Westner, who took Nick Faldo to a play-off in the Irish Open last year, went to the turn in 30 and finished with a 66, the same score as Rafferty, who had a flawless round, containing six birdies.

SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated). Qualifiers for final two rounds: 135: R Rafferty, 69, 66, P McGinley, 65, 70; W Westner (SA), 69, 66. 136: R Goosen (SA), 70, 66. 137: M Davis, 72, 65. 138: G Ralph, 69, 69. 139: R Claydon, 68, 73, P Way, 70, 69, A Forsbrand (Swe), 73, 66; S Struver (Ger), 69, 70, S Ballesteros (Spl), 71, 68; B Lane, 70, 69, R Chapman, 69, 70. 140: J Heggarman (Swe), 69, 71. 141: S Ames (Trin), 71, 70, H-P Thuel (Ger), 69, 72, J Spence, 70, 71; N Faldo, 70, 71, B Marchbank, 72, 69, R Karlsson (Swe), 71, 70, P Mitchell, 71, 70. 142: S Richardson, 70, 72; C Rocca (It), 73, 69; P Broadhurst, 72, 70, P Hall, 69, 73, M Lanner (Swe), 73, 69, J Payne, 69, 73, M Roe, 72, 70, P Baker, 70, 72; P Affleck, 69, 73.

143: M Poxon, 72, 71; G Evans, 72, 71, C Montgomerie, 73, 70, M A Jiménez (Spl), 75, 68, R Willison, 73, 70; M Bessenceney (Fr), 74, 69, M James, 73, 70; M McLean, 72, 71; R Alvarez (Arg), 72, 71; E Els (SA), 71, 72, D Gilford, 71, 72, S Grappasonni (It), 74, 69. I Aoki (Japan), 76, 67; S Tinning (Den), 71, 72. 144: D Mijovic (Can), 71, 73, C Mason, 71, 73; G Brand Jr, 72, 72; A Sherborne, 73, 71; D Williams, 74, 70, J Robson, 73, 71; J Hobday (SA), 72, 72, J Robinson, 74, 70; D Silva (Por), 73, 71, P Lawrie, 71, 73, A Gilliner (Swe), 71, 73; E O'Connell, 71, 73; B Malley (US), 72, 72; G Day (US), 74, 70; M Gates, 74, 70. 145: I Garbutt, 75, 70, M Harwood (Aus), 71, 74; C McClellan (US), 73, 72; M Farry (Fr), 74, 71, P Price, 73, 72; A Hunter, 78, 69; A Sorensen (Den), 71, 74; R McFarlane, 74, 71; V Singh (Fiji), 71, 74, J Hawkes (SA), 70, 75; A Lebouc (Fr), 72, 73.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leeds head candidates to break Wigan's grip

SHORT of weighing down Wigan's players with balls and chains, it is difficult to see what can prevent a desperately worn script being trotted out for the sixth successive year in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup (Christopher Irvine writes).

Leeds are the latest club being touted to end Wigan's reign. Having flopped in the championship, Leeds will apply their considerable talents to winning at Wembley on May 1, or so the theory goes.

Barrow is a comfortable enough starting point for them in tomorrow's first-round match, but it is seven years now since the Leeds advanced beyond the quarter-final stage. Castleford, last year's beaten finalists, also need to restore meaning to their season by winning today's televised tie at Warrington, for whom playing at home has become a struggle.

With the New Zealand centre, Richard Blackmore, who requires surgery on a damaged knee, replaced by David Nelson, Castleford may want for strength in the backs, if not speed. Warrington have restored Neil Kenyon, their leading try-scorer, whose request for a transfer, has been rejected.

Featherstone Rovers, who head the second division, stage an intriguing clash with St Helens, leaders of the championship, while Dewsbury, the third division's leading club, have romantic notions of ending Wigan's love affair with the cup, which stretches back 26 matches to a 10-8 first round defeat at Oldham on February 4, 1987.

Chelsea v Sheff Wed

Spencer, the 5ft 4in Chelsea striker who scored on his full debut at QPR in midweek, is likely to keep Fleck, their £2.2 million forward, out. Kharine, signed from CSKA Moscow, makes his home debut in goal because Hitchcock is injured, and Lee and Wise are also absent. Chelsea hope Townsend, their influential captain, will recover from a migraine. Wednesday are unbeaten in their last eight games but field two makeshift forwards in Bart-Williams and Warhurst because Bright and Hirst are injured. Further back, Pearson is doubtful.

Coventry v Wimbledon

Bobby Gould, the Coventry manager — who enjoyed a 5-2 win at Blackburn on Tuesday — plays host to one of his former clubs. Billing might play his first game for Coventry for two months but Gallacher is doubtful. Ndlovu is absent on international duty. Fashanu plays for Wimbledon, in spite of a broken hand, and McAllister replaces the suspended Elkins. Wimbledon could do with a striker like Coventry's Quinn, who has scored 13 goals in 12 games.

C Palace v Tottenham

A London derby resonant with relegation woes. Young returns to the heart of the Palace defence after suspension at the expense of either Sinnott or Humphrey. Palace will play five at the back, with McGoldrick as sweeper. Tottenham are without Durie, who has a groin strain, but Howells is fit again and might replace him. Nayim could return to the midfield where Gray, back from loan at Swindon, is also in contention for a game against his old club.

Everton v Norwich

While Everton want to emulate Wednesday's win at Wimbledon, third-placed Norwich aim to repeat their midweek victory against Crystal Palace, their first triumph in seven matches. They stick with the same side, which means Robins is again a substitutes. For Everton, Cottee has scored four times in the past fortnight after being recalled from the reserves and Rideout is available after suspension.

Ipswich v Man Utd

United, the leaders, are unchanged and aiming to extend their unbeaten run to 13 games. Mick McGiven, the Ipswich manager, is spoilt for choice. Stockwell, Wark and Whitton are all ready to return to the first team and pressure Yallop, Whelan and Bozinoski for places.

Leeds v Middlesbrough

Strandli, the 20-year-old striker signed by Leeds from the Norwegian side, IK Start, for £350,000, is set to begin his first game in England after receiving a work permit yesterday. He might replace Chapman who, along with McAllister, faces a late fitness test. Middlesbrough, who field the side that beat Southampton in midweek, will aim to repeat their 4-1 win at Ayresome Park earlier in the season. In spite of being diagnosed as suffering from the debilitating illness ME, Hodge is sufficiently well to be named in the Leeds squad.

Man City v Blackburn

A Red Rose derby with a Scandanavian sub-plot. Berg, 22, the Norwegian international right back and a former team-mate of Strandli at IK Start, looks likely to make his debut for Rovers in place of the suspended May. Shearer is still absent and Moran and Wright require late fitness checks. Kenny Dalglish, the Rovers manager, must recover from the midweek 5-2 defeat at home to Coventry, the heaviest of his career as a player and manager. City miss the suspended Fitzroft and possibly Curle, who has a fitness test today. Should he fail, Ingebrigsten, another Norwegian international, will make his debut.

Nottm Forest v Oldham

Another relegation match. The omens are not good for Forest, the bottom club, who must make do without the injured Pearce. With Brett, the England captain's deputy at left back, also short of fitness, Charles is likely to operate out of position. Webb is doubtful so Woan stands by. The joints of Oldham's strike force — Ritchie is 32 and Palmer 33 — are creaking and they need fitness tests. Moulden and Tolson stand by. Brannan returns to the midfield after suspension.

Sheff Utd v QPR

Brian Deane versus Les Ferdinand. The United and QPR centre forwards will aim to propel themselves into the England squad for the international against San Marino. Sinton's back injury keeps him doubtful for QPR so White, signed from Cambridge last week, might make his full debut. United are likely to be without Cork in attack but Littlejohn is back from suspension. Gage and Beesley are struggling to be fit.

Southampton v A Villa

Monkou replaces Moore in central defence for Southampton, for whom Cockerill and Groves are doubtful. Villa have similar concerns about Houghton, who will have a late fitness test, but definitely give Breitkreutz his second game of the season after a useful midweek display against Sheffield United.

Tomorrow

Arsenal v Liverpool

Arsenal are without Wright, their leading scorer, and Jensen, who are suspended, plus the injured Bould, Limpar, and Platts. Their absence could give Heaney, an England under-21 international, a rare game. Another reserve who might start is Carter, the former Millwall winger, who has hardly played since signing from Liverpool. Selley, 18, and O'Leary are also in the squad. Rush, McManaman, Nicol and Piechnik hope to be fit for Liverpool.

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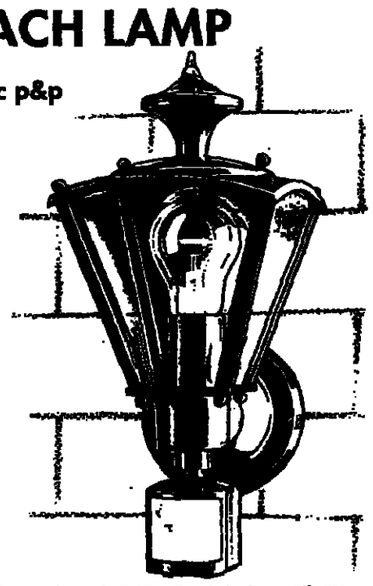

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FOOTBALL

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Rotherham 2, Sunderland 1. Second division: Scunthorpe 1, Huddersfield 6.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Tottenham 1, Millwall 1.

ENGLISH-ADIDAS TROPHY: Cornwall 3, Avon 3.

ENGLISH MARS UNDER-19 TROPHY: First round: Widnes College 1, Wilmorton College 3.

ENGLISH DIAMIX TROPHY: First round: Boston Spa, West Yorkshire 3, St John Fisher, Harrogate 0; Lipson College, Devon 2, Saltash 3; Hazelwick, Sussex 5, St Joseph's College, Surrey, 3; Corpus Christi, Preston 4, Heath School, Runcorn 1.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: Derby Bucks 103 (Lascelles 27, Mitchell 24), Proton Manchester Giants 90 (Lloyd 32, Hutcheson 18).

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Houston Rockets 94, Chicago Bulls 83, Atlanta Hawks 110, New York Knicks 103; Cleveland Cavaliers 127, Orlando Magic 113; Indiana Pacers 127, Los Angeles Lakers 110; Milwaukee Bucks 109, Miami Heat 87; Denver Nuggets 110, New Jersey Nets 100.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final series: Group A:

EUROPEAN CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final series: Group A: Virtus Bologna 70, Limoges 67; Jovenut Badalona 88, Scavolini Pesaro 87; Cibona Zagreb 90, Maccabi Tel Aviv 88

Group B: Estudiantes Madrid 106, KK Zadar 72; Bayer Leverkusen 73, Pau Orthez 78; Olympiakos 83, Real Madrid 82.

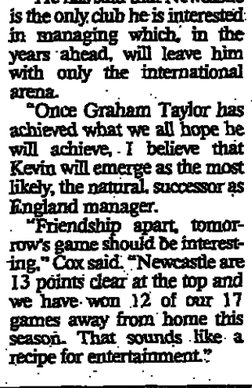
BOXING

EDINBURGH: Amateur International (Scotland v England, Scottish names first): Flyweight: K Knox bt M Horobin, pts; K Morrison bt S Parry, pts. Bantam: J Murray bt J Murphy, pts. Feather: B Carr bt M Ward, pts. Light: G Hughes lost to A Temple, pts. Light-welter: S McLevy bt L Rimmer, pts. J Pender bt J Scanlon, pts. Welter: A Craig lost to P Burns, pts. Middle: B Laidlaw lost to G Ground, pts. Light-middle: S Morrison lost to T Taylor, rsc 3rd. Light-heavy: M Sangster lost to P Rogers, pts. Heavy: S Aitken lost to D Williams, rsc 1st. Match result: Scotland 5, England 7.

LONDON: Elephant and Castle Leisure Centre: Bantamweight (10 rnds): Johnny Armour (Chesham) bt Ricky Romero (US), ko, 1st. Light-middle (6 rnds): Steve McNeal (Bethnal Green) bt Steve Scott (Chorley), pts. Light-middle (6 rnds): John Bosco (Barnondsey) - bt Jerry Mortimer (Clapham), rsc 4th.

BOWLS

TORFAEN: Welsh indoor national championships: Pairs quarter-finals: B Thomas and D Kendall (Torfaen) bt M Wilson and B Hawkins (Taff-Ely), 30-8; S Britton and S Proud (Vale of Glamorgan) bt E Brown and A Dainton (Vale of Glamorgan), 24-16; A Mullins and R Jones (Merthyr Tydfil) bt M Jones and N Shipperlee (Cardiff), 29-14; M Davies and D Rowlands (Radnorshire) bt D Cooper and P Czarnecki (Merthyr Tydfil), 23-15. Semi-finals: Britton and Proud bt Thomas and Kendall, 22-11; Mullins and Jones bt Davies and Rowlands, 22-16. Fours: Quarter-finals: Merthyr Tydfil (C Lewis) bt Rhondda (G R Williams), 20-18; Torfaen (G Rattenbi) bt Pirth Beech (J Hunt), 24-12; Cardiff (P Rowlands) bt Llanelli (E Oliver), 24-15; Torfaen (W Hier) bt Swansea (J Price), 20-18.



McManus into semis

CRICKET

GHAZIABAD: First Under-19 Test match: England 451-8dec (M Dowman 142, R Cunliffe 80); India 66-1.

GOLF

PHOENIX OPEN: First-round leaders (US unless stated): 68: J Maggert, R Wrenn, D Frost (SA), M Allen, G McCord, M Donald, S Simpson. 67: J Woodward, T Watson, M Wiebe, M Calcavecchia, P Mickelson, L Mize, E Dougherty, B Britton, H Twitty, L Janzen. 68: D Torrie, R Mattila, H Sutton, M Dawson, S Hoch, C Beck, S Kendall, L Rinker, L T Brosck, D Hart, K Clearwater.

PERTH: Vines Classic: Second-round leaders (Australia unless stated): 136: P Senior, 65, 71, L Stephen, 68, 68. 137: R Allenby, 67, 70. 138: P O'Malley, 68, 70; G Joyner, 70, 68. 139: M Campbell (NZ), 70, 69; S Appleby, 71, 68. 140: M Clayton, 68, 72; W Ciasworthy, 71, 69. 141: B King, 74, 67; J Freeman (US), 69, 72; T Price, 72, 69; J Kay (US), 70, 71; P Moloney, 70, 71. 142: A Knoll (Can), 73, 69; B Jones, 72, 70; I Baker-Finch, 72, 70; G Norman, 72, 70; J Morse (US), 72, 70; L Brown (US), 73, 69; L Wadle, 73, 69.

BOGOR: Kosaido Indonesia Women's Open (GB and Ire unless stated): Second-round leaders: 147: K Lokken (US), 71, 76. 148: L Feldkamp, 75, 73. 150: C Hjalmarsson (Swe), 76, 74. 151: L Hackney, 77, 74; L de Paulo (US), 76, 75. 152: M Hirata (Japan), 81, 71; Li Wen-Lin (Taiwan), 77, 75; S Prosser, 76, 76. 153: C Duffy, 80, 73; N Hall (Aus), 80, 73; M Bentzlokoff (Swe), 78, 75; M Platt (US), 77, 76; D Reid, 77, 76; K Said (US), 77, 76; Huang Yu-Chen (Taiwan), 75, 78; K Luan (Aus), 75, 78. 154: J Rafe (US), 81, 73; F Dassu (It), 80, 74; H Dobson, 78, 76; X Wunsch (Ger), 78, 76; T Thompson (US), 78, 76; J Ridley (US), 77, 77; D Dowling, 75, 79. Other British: 155: H Wadsworth, 77, 78; D Barnard, 77, 78. 156: J Soulsby, 81, 75; J Forbes, 75, 81.

LUSAKA: Zambian Open: Second-round leaders (GB unless stated): 139: A Clapp, 72, 67. 140: P Njiru (Ken), 70, 70. 141: J Cantero (Arg), 72, 69. 142: P Golding, 71, 71. 143: G J Brand, 69, 74; G Kreuse, 72, 71; P Harrison, 71, 72. 144: I Spencer, 69, 75.

SAN LORENZO, Algarve: Longshot-Hotel Donna Filipa pro-am: Third round: abandoned, rain.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Boston Bruins 5, Winnipeg Jets 2; Ottawa Senators 5, Hartford Whalers 2; Quebec Nordiques 6, Philadelphia Flyers 3; New York Islanders 5, Pittsburgh Penguins 2; St Louis Blues 4, Tampa Bay Lightning 2; Minnesota North Stars 4, New Jersey Devils 2; Calgary Flames 2, Los Angeles Kings 1.

SNOOKER

NEWPORT: Welsh Open: Quarter-finals: J Swail (N Ire) bt M Hallett (Eng), 5-2; A McManus (Scot) bt N Bond (Eng), 5-2.

YACHTING

ROYAL PERTH YC: Omega Australia Cup match racing: Double round-robin qualifying series: Final positions: 1, R Davis (US), 15 wins; 2, P Isler (US), 12; 3, P Gilmour (Aus), 10; 4, C Law (GB), 9; 5, R Helmer (Hol), 8; 6, S Baird (US), 9; 7, T Peponnet (Fr), 8; 8, S Lissiman (Aus), 7; 9, G Lucas (Aus), 6; 10, M Holmberg (Swe), 5. Semi-final draw: Isler v Gilmour; Davis v Law.

SPORT

Sprint giants set date for head-to-head encounter

Christie: Olympic and undisputed European No. 1

David Powell, athletics correspondent, finds

$25,000 a second just the incentive to put Christie and Lewis on track for rare meeting

THE race which did not take place at the Olympic Games in Barcelona, Linford Christie against Carl Lewis over 100 metres, is set to happen for big money in the United States in May. Both parties have agreed to the match, which is now dependent on television negotiations.

Andy Norman, the British Athletic Federation's promotions officer, said yesterday that the race was planned to take place in Las Vegas on May 29. In a well-kept secret, agreement between the athletes and their representatives had been reached some months ago.

Joe Douglas, Lewis's manager, was due to meet representatives of HBO, the United States cable television company, last night to discuss the package which includes a long jump challenge between Lewis and Mike Powell on the same day. "I would say it was 60-40 that it will happen," Douglas said.

However, he added that the venue was not yet certain. An offer of between $2 million and $3 million from China had been made, but Douglas said that the most probable venue was in the United States. Plans include live television coverage in Britain.

"We have agreed all the details, the money and the date; now it is up to Joe Douglas to get the race on," Norman said. According to Douglas, Christie and Lewis would race before the long jump competition, and they may be the only two in the race. "If there was a chance for a world record, I would want enough competitors so it would be a legal competition," Douglas said. "If not, I do not care."

It is understood that Christie's cut would be some $250,000 or, if you like, $25,000 per second of explosive running. Lewis, no doubt, would receive much the same for the 100 metres, but more in total because of his participation in two events. Christie, as Olympic champion, would consider it an insult to be paid less than Lewis. Big money has arrived in athletics in a big way. Last weekend, Addis Abebe, of Ethiopia, earned $500,000 for setting a world best in a ten-kilometre road race.

Lewis, Christie's predecessor as Olympic champion, was unable to defend his title in Barcelona because he had failed to win a place in the team at the American trials. The 100 metres world record holder, Lewis responded by winning gold in the long jump ahead of Powell.

Norman said that one reason Christie was now training in Australia was to prepare for this race. After his Olympic victory, he had expressed a preference for racing Lewis in Britain, but his opponent needs to be in America for the world championship trials on June 19.

Powell arrived in Glasgow yesterday to compete in the Pearl International Games today and, of the May challenge against Lewis, he said: "It is like a heavyweight fight: six rounds, him and me, and, as far as I am aware, no one else involved."

Lewis: dethroned in his absence at Barcelona Games

England lose initiative in first Test match

Azharuddin wrests control for India

FROM PETER BALL IN CALCUTTA

ENGLAND'S bowlers conducted an impressive holding operation on the opening day of the first Test match against India yesterday, but they could not hold Mohammad Azharuddin. The India captain scored an imperious undefeated 114 to give his side, which finished on 263 for four, a slight advantage at the end of an enthralling day.

Azharuddin has been out of form and out of favour of late, carrying the can for recent Indian failures. Even some of the crowd at Eden Gardens, where he scored a century on his Test debut, have begun to turn against him, and he was greeted with one banner which read: "Azza No, we want Kapil as captain."

"I haven't been in form, but I let my bat do the talking for me," he said. Yesterday it did not talk, it sang. The sight of England's bowlers obviously inspires him, for he has scored six of his 12 centuries against them in 17 innings.

Few can have matched this one for the variety of strokes. From the moment he arrived at the wicket the ball was flying off the bat. By the time he reached a dazzling hundred off only 114 balls, the 50,000 crowd was lighting torches of celebration for him.

Statistics tell some of the story, but not all of it. Even Tendulkar had to accept the minor role after tea while their partnership wrested England's post-lunch ascendency away from them.

When the mood takes him, it is almost impossible to bowl to Azharuddin as he flicks the ball away with elegance, pouncing on anything remotely short of a length to send it scudding through the off side off the back foot. Not even ducking into a bouncer from Lewis, which twanged his helmet, could stem the flow of 19 boundaries.

Yet apart from the spell after tea, when the pair put on 69 in 15 overs until Tendulkar sparred Malcolm to slip, England could be quietly pleased with their performance after losing the toss on a true wicket giving little help to the seam bowlers. If they did not beat the bat too often, all four stuck at the task with determination.

England, who knew the wicket would help spin more than seam, compounded their difficulties by leaving Tufnell out of the 12, and India's decision to play all three of their slow bowlers made England's policy look, at first glance, wilfully perverse rather than pragmatic. But neither Emburey nor Tufnell have been bowling well, and against India's outstanding players of spin, the selectors — or at least Gooch and Fletcher — clearly decided that to choose either would have been self-defeating.

It is not an argument to appeal to the romantics, but with the Indian batsmen less assured against seam, it made sound sense. For most of the day it worked. Taylor, who was still feeling the after-effects of the virus which deprived England of Atherton, made his Test debut memorable by claiming the first wicket, and Malcolm, Jarvis and Lewis all kept going admirably.

They were supported by some excellent out-cricket. Salisbury, Fairbrother, Taylor and Lewis flung themselves around to good effect. Hick's safe hands hung on to the three chances which came to him at slip, and Stewart played his part behind the stumps. On his form he is a long way from being the worst wicketkeeper to represent England.

The start, predictably, was cagey, and not helped as England initially bowled too short and not straight enough. Prabhakar and Sidhu were only required to play half a dozen balls in the first half-dozen overs. That suited Sidhu, who wanted a long look on his return to Test cricket, and he took 43 balls compiling his first four runs while enjoying the only escape of the morning as Gatting put down a chance at slip. It made little difference as he soon followed one from Taylor to provide England with their only success of the first session.

More followed quickly in the afternoon. Kambli's weakness outside off stump soon betrayed him as he flashed at Jarvis firm-footed, then Prabhakar found the introduction of Salisbury too much of a temptation and he drove at a wide one to give Hick his best catch of the afternoon. With India 93 for three, England were in a position of strength, but then came Azharuddin. If he gets in again this morning the balance may tilt firmly towards his team.

☐ The England scorer, Clem Driver, 72, was taken to hospital after fainting and stayed in a nursing home overnight as a precaution.

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CALCUTTA SCOREBOARD

India won toss

INDIA		6s	4s	Min	Balls
M Prabhakar	c Lewis b Salisbury 46 *Slip-catch reaching for turning ball*	—	3	175	120
N S Sidhu	c Hick b Taylor ..... 13 *Chasing angled ball*	—	1	101	73
V G Kambli	c Hick b Jarvis ..... 16 *Edged wide ball to second slip*	—	1	43	28
S R Tendulkar	c Hick b Malcolm 50 *Careless shot at rising ball*	—	6	158	118
*M Azharuddin	not out 114	—	19	190	124
P K Amre	not out 7	—	—	57	42
Extras	(b 2, lb 2, w 8, nb 5) 17				

Total (4 wkts, 83 overs, 367min) 263

Kapil Dev, †K S More, A Kumble, S L V Raju and R K Chauhan to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49 (Prabhakar 30), 2-76 (Prabhakar 41), 3-93 (Tendulkar 9), 4-216 (Azharuddin 79).

BOWLING: Malcolm 17-2-46-1 (nb 3, w 1) (5-2-7-0, 4-0-8-0, 4-0-13-0, 4-0-18-1); Jarvis 18-5-49-1 (w 3) (6-3-9-0, 5-0-19-1, 3-2-2-0, 4-0-19-0); Lewis 18-3-54-0 (nb 2) (9-2-10-0, 5-1-12-0, 3-0-13-0, 4-0-19-0); Taylor 15-2-56-1 (w 4) (8-1-25-1, 2-0-10-0, 5-1-21-0), Salisbury 13-2-45-1 (nb 2) (7-2-16-1, 6-0-29-0); Hick 2-1-9-0 (one spell).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 50 (105min, 24.3 overs); 100 (191min, 42.3 overs); 150 (286min, 62.1 overs); 200 (295min, 68.4 overs), 250 (357min, 81.2 overs). Lunch: 61-1 (29 overs; Prabhakar 32, Kambli 8). Tea: 144-3 (57 overs; Tendulkar 25, Azharuddin 33). New ball was taken at 225-4 after 75.1 overs. Bad light stopped play at 4.21pm. Scoring rate: Tendulkar: 50 in 157min (117 balls, 6 fours). Azharuddin: 50 in 99min (79 balls, 8 fours); 100 in 174min (114 balls, 17 fours).

ENGLAND: *G A Gooch, †A J Stewart, M W Gatting, R A Smith, G A Hick, N H Fairbrother, C C Lewis, P W Jarvis, I D K Salisbury, J P Taylor, D E Malcolm.

Umpires: P D Reporter and S Venkataraghavan.

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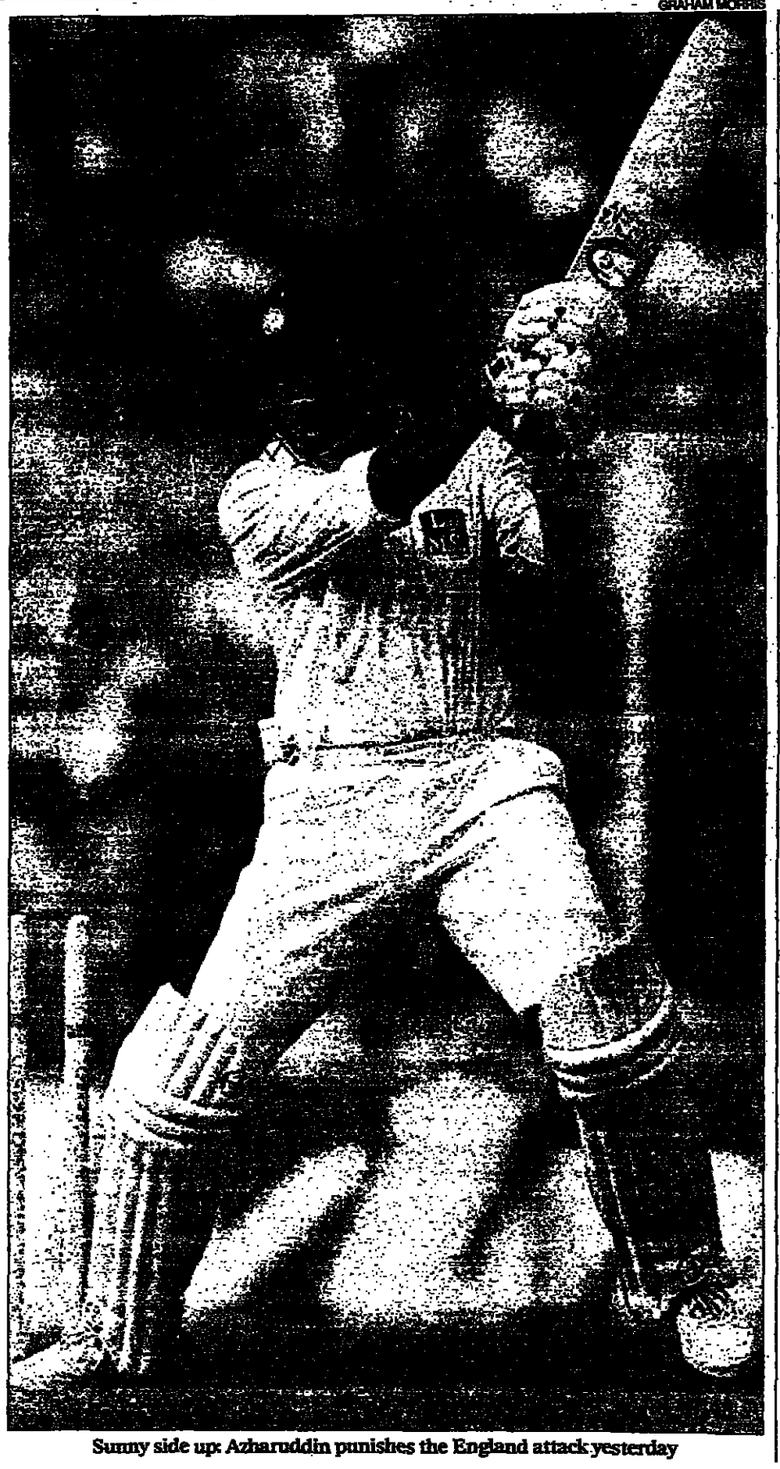

GRAHAM MORRIS

Sunny side up: Azharuddin punishes the England attack yesterday

Use of whips may be limited

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

RACING is set to bow to *public opinion by curtailing* the use of whips by jockeys on horses. The disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club yesterday acknowledged "a problem of too much use of the whip from both a professional and public point of view", and proposed a number of changes which would come into force in July.

The *committee advocates* the number of hits allowed before provoking a stewards' enquiry into abuse of the whip to be reduced from ten to five, further research into the design of whips and assessment of possible injury to horses from being hit, and preventing jockeys from hitting horses down the shoulder *with the whip in their fore*hand "except in very exceptional circumstances".

The proposals, which are likely to be approved on February 8 by the Jockey Club, would also have the whip arm of jockeys being kept below shoulder height when they hit a horse, training for apprentice and conditional jockeys on the use of the whip, and a report to the course stewards if a horse is wealed by use of the whip.

The committee admits that while a jockey needs a whip for safety and correction purposes, using it to encourage a horse to run faster is a secondary use.

The proposals follow growing public criticism of the way jockeys hit horses. Alastair Mews, the RSPCA's assistant chief vet, last night welcomed the proposed changes but said they did not go far enough. "We welcome the reduction in the number of hits to five, although we would prefer it to be none at all," Mews said. "A lot of people ask us why we don't prosecute jockeys for the way they use the whip."

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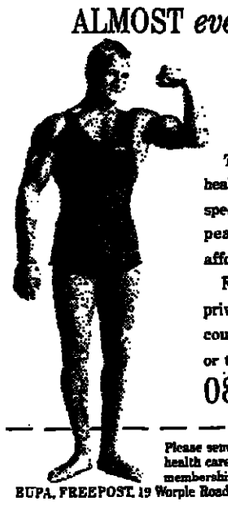

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High rollers brought down to earth

Los Angeles

Today, this column brings you indisputable proof of the fact that life is not fair — though, to think of it, every page of every newspaper ever printed does that.

While I would normally be the first to congratulate Atong Bol for winning the staggering total of $486,000 (about £320,000) from a slot machine in the Trump Taj Mahal in *Atlantic City, my delight in* this classic victory for the underdog is tempered by the fact that Atong Bol is the wife of Manute Bol, the 7ft 7in Sudanese who plays basketball for the Philadelphia 76ers and who will earn $1.65 million this season.

To them that hath shall be given. Madame Bol also won a Mercedes but turned it down for $30,000 cash. Life struck a puny blow back at this enchanted couple when Bol was ejected from a game against the New York Knicks for throwing a punch. He was fined a punitive $3,500 on top of the mandatory $250. "I have to defend myself," he said. "I don't care about the fine." No, indeed. The slot machine, by the way, is called High Rollers.

Pipe dream

Best injury story of the Super Bowl so far. Darryl Talley, linebacker with the Buffalo Bills, explained that he was storing the headboard of a bed in his cellar. He stood from a crouch, burned his neck on the pipe leading from the furnace that fires his *heating, whipped his head* forward in shock and bashed his chin and mouth on the headboard. He needed stitches inside his mouth.

"The doctors said no one would believe me," he said. The doctors were right. People are now claiming the injury was caused by a punch in the face at a nightclub, delivered by none other than Magic Johnson's bodyguard, after joking with Johnson had gone too far. Talley is sticking to the pipe story.

SIMON BARNES
Sporting Diary

This column sends congratulations to the Dallas Morning News. The newspaper has tied what is believed to be the Super Bowl record by having 31 reporters accredited to the event. This equals the record of the Boston Globe in 1986. That was when the New England Patriots, of Boston, lost 46-10 to the Chicago Bears.

Head start

Another leading issue at the *Super Bowl: the hairstyle of* Jimmy Johnson, the Dallas Cowboys coach. How does it stay there? "I got a little touch of spray but just a touch. I don't like my hair to hang in my eyes because I like things to be in order, whether it be my home, my sons, my clothes, my hair or my football team. Do you want me to tell you something that's not true and then sneak out the spray?" Is this a hairspray ad or an excerpt from *Mein Kampf*?

Trophy plans in a pickle

The winning team at the Super Bowl gets the Vince Lombardi Trophy; this has been the case since 1971.

"Before that first game, we wanted to do something very special with it," Don Weiss, director of planning for the National Football League, said.

"Someone suggested 'Why not have it stolen, announce a reward and then suddenly have it discovered in the nick of time?'

"We discarded that idea. We thought it was a little too tacky."

Ha! They never thought of having it discovered by a nice doggy, did they? Alas, poor Pickles!

Good vibrations

My hero of the week can be none other than Chad Rowan. Chad is Hawaiian — or rather, since he has just done something rather splendid — American.

The papers here are full of the fact that Chad is now a *yokozuna*, or sumo grand champion. He wrestles as Akebono, which means Dawn; he is 6ft 8in and weighs 466lb. He is the first non-Japanese to reach this ultimately glorious rank in sumo.

Another Hawaiian, Konishiki — known as "The Dump Truck" — came close but then caused terrible bad vibes by accusing the sport of racism.

This confirmed for many what many Japanese have long doubted: whether any non-Japanese could possess *hinkaku*, or perfect dignity, an essential quality for a *yokozuna*.

Akebono, it seems, has overturned this. He speaks quietly, in Japanese, never boasts, never smiles in the ring and lives a quiet life save on karaoke nights.

"I did my best in the ring and I will leave everything else to the others," he said. I wonder how many players at the Super Bowl possess *hinkaku*?

Certainly, most of them are saying the same sort of thing, and about 43 times every day as well.

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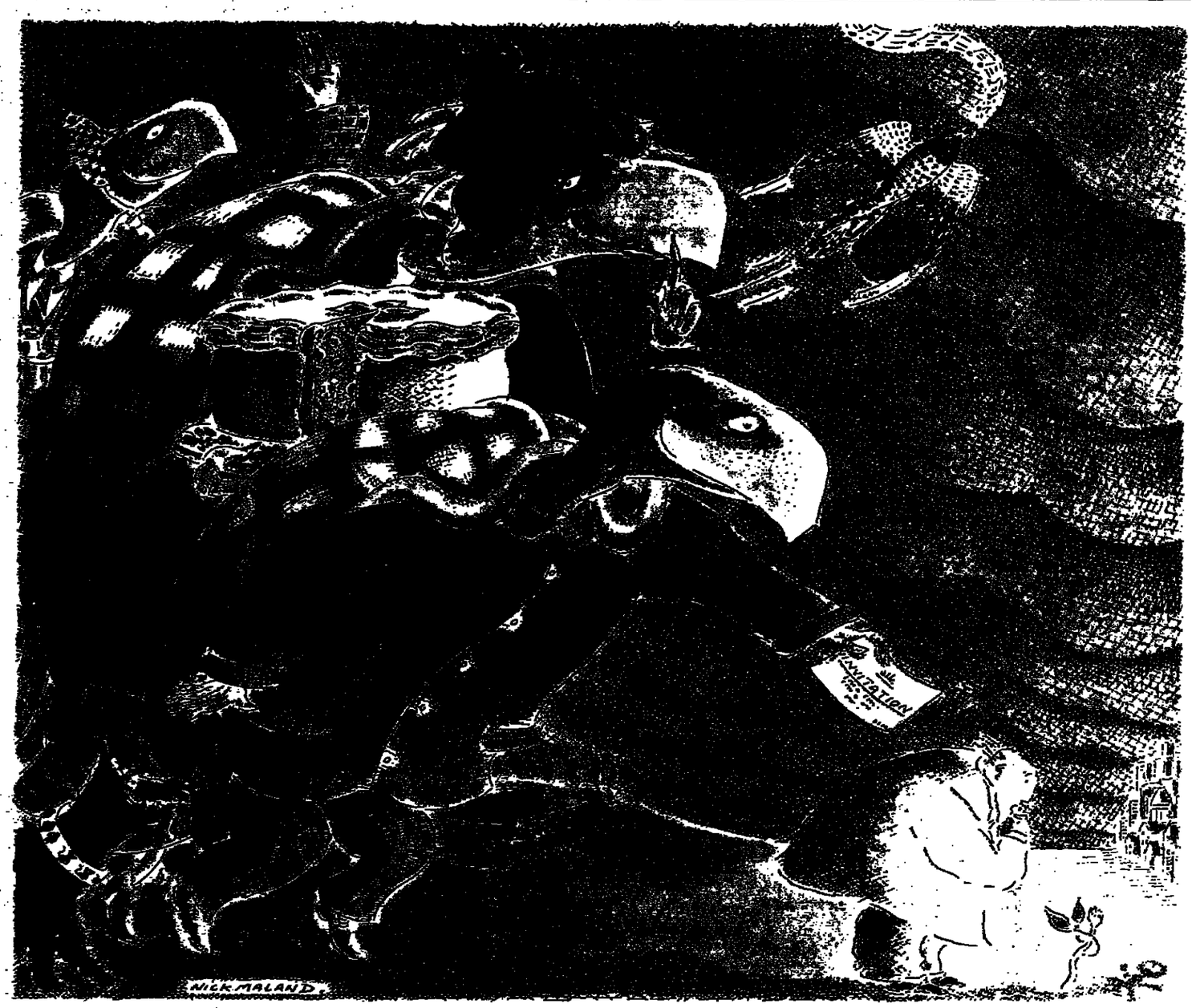
Alan Coren dreads the coming of the spring houseparty season, with its endless opportunities for cringing



Oh God, a snowdrop has appeared outside my window. Well, probably a snowdrop; could be an anaemic crocus, I am not a man to run to with floral queries, horses for courses, but whatever it is, it is a harbinger, that much I do know. It has shoved itself through the lawn with an announcement. The heart sinks. Any day now, I shall begin receiving letters with rural postmarks, the general thrust of which will be to invite me to rise up and come away, for, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth, the time of the singing of the birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in the land.

The turtle will want me and the wife to join it for a weekend in the country. The turtle either lives in the country, or owns a weekend bolt hole there, as the result of either of which it has to have company or it will go barmy. That is not to say that it isn't a worthy turtle, generous, gregarious, convivial, hospitable to a fault; many turtles, indeed, buy places in the country primarily because they wish not merely to entertain more chums (*sic*) than can comfortably be accommodated in titchy town-houses, but also to entertain them more liberally. For you cannot chuck another log into the inglenook of a smokeless Belgravia mews, nor dance the Gay Gordons the length and breadth of a Hampstead flat, nor take your horse for a brisk canter over Notting Hill and return to suck up Bollinger with 300 absolutely sooper neighbours on a Kensington balcony, while the ox turns, crisping, in the microwave.

The fact that, at the thought of country weekends, my heart aches and a drowsy numbness pains my sense thus has nothing whatever to do with the turtles, who are wonderful hosts. It has everything to do with me, who is a terrible guest.

I travel well, but, unless I am able to command the environment to which I have travelled, I transplant badly. Dispatch me to my carefully-selected hotel, knowing what I have planned for the weekend and with whom and in which clothes, and that there are staff on hand to satisfy my whims in return for folding money, and, come Friday evening, I shall let Cricklewood dwindle in my wing-mirror with an optimistic heart. I shall know where I stand, and, more important, where I shall be standing later.

I shall know I shall not be standing in a corridor at 3am between my room and the bathroom it turns out not to have en suite, inadequately clad in my wife's peignoir because I did not bring my dressing-gown, and not knowing (a) which of these doors has a bathroom behind it, (b) whether my host's Alsatian, which has just materialised at the far end of the corridor, had a good enough sniff of me when I arrived to distinguish me from a prowling transvestite wondering which door conceals the family silver, or (c) if not, whether it would be better to stand stock still or run like hell.

Even at 6am, the scenario would be little better. I have woken with a sandpaper throat, thanks, first, to being forced to shout off-key round a piano for some hours, and, second, to drinking in a corner for some more hours to eradicate my previous embarrassment, and what I am now desperate for is a cuppa, but where do they keep the tea, where do they keep the sugar, the milk must be in the fridge, yes it is, but, bloody hell, it is on the floor, now, why are the *outsides* of milk bottles always wet, and, oh look, the Alsatian has heard the crash, a prowling transvestite is stealing the family's food . . .

Turtles don't invariably keep an Alsatian, mind. They do not need one if they have a burglar alarm, wired to alert not only the sleeping household to the fact that a drunken cross-dresser has just walked through a photo-electric beam, but also the local constabulary who, with any luck, will arrive any minute now with their own Alsatian.

Not that a terrible guest requires such disasters in order to have a terrible time. He may have woken at 6am and done nothing more than stare out of the window for three hours, wondering what time the house has breakfast, finally creeping downstairs to discover that it has it at 7.30 and that Mrs Daily, who does for the turtles, has just finished shaking the tablecloth out. True, there is a stiff rasher of cold bacon left in a frying-pan, but there is also an Alsatian looking at it.

Upon returning to his room so that he can inform his wife that she was absolutely right, countryfolk do indeed breakfast early, sorry, he sees (a) that she is not there, and (b) that, from the window, the turtles and all their guests are briskly marching across a paddock towards a distant wood. Knowing that a good guest would have been of their number, the terrible guest attempts to make amends by hurtling off in pursuit.

The paddock, up close, proves to have the consistency of the Somme salient, but it is now too late to go back and ask Mrs Daily whether the turtles keep wellies for guests who forgot to put them in their boot, he is in mud stepp'd in so far that, should he wade no more, returning were as tedious as go o'er. He eventually squelches up to the party at the exact moment they are entering the wood, and thus poised to begin excitedly identifying things. "Good God, isn't that *Argybargy condominium* over there, how incredible, it's only March, oh, look, what a splendid example of Old Man's Bum, down there near that clump of *Copious mucus*, I've never seen such a remarkable . . ."

Others, meanwhile, prefer to search the skies: "It can't be, where are my field glasses, yes, by heaven, it is, it's Snorkel's Falcon, there must be a colony of bandy voles round here, they're the only prey a Snorkel's . . ."

The terrible guest can contribute nothing whatever to this. Raised in an environment where anything attempting to grow through a crack in the patio fell to the blow lamp before it could burgeon into identifiability, and unable to distinguish between a sparrow and a starling unless they happen to be lying dead together so that one can be seen to be larger than the other, he can do nothing but pray that some litter-lout has ambled this way and given him the opportunity to cry, "I say, isn't that a Mars wrapper?" before anyone else spots it.

Everyone now romps home for lunch, duly banging on about country air and appetites, none of them more ravenous than the breakfastless guest. And lunch is rather special.

You can tell this right away from all the nudging and winking by the turtles. Because lunch is one of Mrs Daily's famous game pies, and Mr Daily is, well, no names, no pack drill, a bit of a poacher, ha-ha, don't ask what's in it, just tuck in. The pie is the size of a suitcase. Beneath his triangular slab, the terrible guest can see strange rhomboid chunks, arcane organs, little limbs. Is this Mrs Daily's famous gull-and-weasel, perhaps, her famous toe-and-bladder, her . . .

After lunch, while his wife helps with the washing-up by putting everything away in cupboards from which they have subsequently to be removed by people who know where they go, the terrible guest can think of no other way of doing his bit than by asking whether anyone wants anything from the village. A turtle cries: "Stout fellow, as a matter of fact, we're out of cumin, there's none in our village, but try the grocer in Courtney Walsh, and if he's shut, there's one by the church in Curtley Ambrose." Some hours later, the terrible guest finds himself in Stokely Carmichael, trying to buy an Ordnance Survey map. He does not succeed.

It is dark when he gets back. Everybody is in the bath, except the Alsatian. The terrible guest needs a large one. In a hotel, he would ring a bell, and a large one would instantly appear, flanked by cashews and little onions. Where, though, do the turtles keep the booze? And should he just help himself? The Alsatian thinks not. The guest tries a cupboard, the Alsatian tries a bark, a turtle appears, in a towel, and says: "Shut up, Radar! Were you after something, old son?" He gives the guest the glass of water he asks for, and goes out again.

Never mind. As soon as everyone has vacated the bathrooms, he will have a nice cold bath to empty unused, and then there will be dinner. He can smell fish. Who knows, Mr Daily may well have caught a few choice gudgeon, possibly a fat frog or two. And after dinner, 50 lovely local people are coming over to the turtles' renovated barn for square-dancing to the talented Daily Trio.

Western clothes, old son, stetsons, cowboy boots, kerchiefs, usual gear. Oh God, didn't you get our note? How terrible!

The sincere compliment of lip service

Social success is simply a matter of paying close attention

WEEKEND *voice*

MARY KILLEN

I have a part-time job on a magazine. When I'm not in its offices, perhaps spending a dank day alone in my tiny cottage, I often find my finger compulsively dialling the direct line of a certain girl who works there, even though I have nothing to say to her.

After I have spoken to Belinda, I always feel better. Why? I can't quite put my finger on it but it's something to do with flattery. Twenty-five year old Belinda has a cackling, semi-hysterical — although not annoying — laugh, and seems to be able to emit it at will.

There are few things more encouraging than to have someone you are talking to laugh with apparently genuine enjoyment at what you have just said, even though you were not aware that it was particularly funny. Equally, there are few methods by which your ego can be more efficiently boosted than by having your interlocutor's eyes widen in amazement as you recount the details of a mundane occurrence in your day, such as losing your hairbrush, and gasping in astonishment, as though you were describing a trip to the moon.

Even if you don't believe that Belinda *could* think it all so hilarious and interesting, you have to agree with George Bernard Shaw, who said: "What really flatters a man is that you think him worth flattering." Flattery is a vastly underrated skill in my opinion, and I'm surprised that finishing schools do not run it as a course, although continuous rippling laughter does seem to be a feature in the social repertoire of certain otherwise taciturn girls who have attended such establishments.

Belinda is the most popular person in the office and enjoys the confidences of a number of staff members in hierarchical positions far superior to her own. Even the fact that she is clinically unable to keep secrets does not deter people from divulging them to her.

I have given her a number of verbal warnings in the past, but even when she passed on a seriously secret secret which showed me in a ghastly light, I couldn't be angry because she did that hysterical honking laughter when challenged.

I believe that Belinda's laughter and amazement is genuine and not a cunning artifice, but what a skill to develop if one could. If knowledge is power, then Belinda is on her way to the top because of her knack of teasing intimate material out of people through flattering and encouraging laughter. When someone actually asks you what you had for breakfast, and then appears to be interested in the answer, it's tempting to exploit them and load them down with nuisance calls, describing every event in your day, and even the one which may be used against you at some stage. "Oh well, the only reason the answering machine was on was because I was going to the loo."

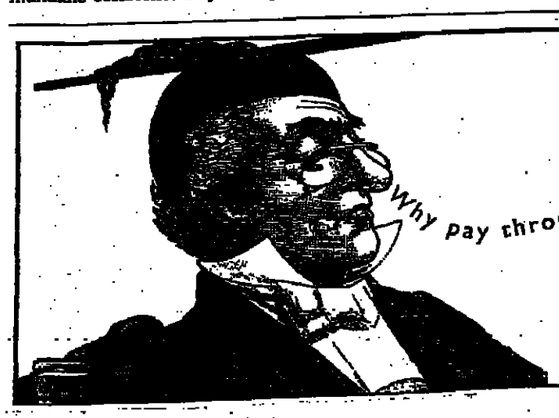
"A compliment is a forensic anaesthetic. Many people will complacently undergo a fatal interrogation if they be well flattered all the while and more men are likely to be caught by a compliment to their ability than by a tribute to their virtue," said Mr Justice Darling in *Scintillae Juris*, 1889.

Flattery is the technique used by some of the most unlikely seducers of our time, rakes who have serial successes with women who have seen their track record and should surely have known better. Just simply making the pass in the first place is enough of a compliment for the average woman living in England whose would-be romantic partner is more often than not too timid to do so. Yet those often far less attractive men, who appear so crazed with desire and adoration that they cannot help crushing their lips down, Mills & Boon style, on their next victim, usually find that surprise soon gives way to pleasure. "You look so beautiful" is music to everyone's ears. After all even if one knows it's not true, it's *possible* that the beholder thinks it is.

Even confident and amusing talkers, whose repertoires are replete with anecdotes, profundities and new gossip, can find that listening is a skill which will ultimately pay them greater dividends in the self-popularising stakes than will talking. Listening attentively is far more flattering than competing with your own brilliant anecdote. There is one family of four London brothers who have done extremely well socially. They can often be seen simply nodding at parties. "The whole flattery thing boils down to attentiveness," says one.

But spoken flattery is not that easy. It is a skill. One must be careful to flatter someone only for a quality they actually have, not to praise them for one they know quite well they don't have. The trick is to chuck in the compliment, as though it were a matter of indifference to the person to whom it is addressed. In that way a double flattery is effected as you attribute to that party an absence of conceit.

In any case, perhaps it is just as well that people like Belinda are so few and far between in this country. I suspect they are all too numerous in America, where positive thinking is a boom industry and objective positive thinking, ie flattery, cannot be too far behind.



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THEATRE

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CYRANO DE BERGERAC: Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2 30pm.

DEATH OF A FAUN: Trained dancer Nicholas Johnson plays *Nijinsky*, alone in his asylum on the day of Diaghilev's funeral, remembering his lover and destroyer. One-man play, with dance, by David Pownall.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3655 33). Preview Wed, 7.45pm; opens Thurs, 7.45pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs (Feb 11) 2.30pm, Sats 4pm.

Zoe Wanamaker: player in Miller's The Last Yankee

THE DEEP BLUE SEA: Rattigan's play on infatuation gets into high gear. Strong performances by Penelope Wilton and Linus Roache; exemplary production by Karel Reisz.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

GREASEPAINT: Though titled "Not the Japanese Season" this is the first of three modern Japanese plays, with Frances de la Tour as an actress beset with troubles, including the son she abandoned. A tremendous hit in Tokyo.
Lyric, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Previews from Thurs, 7.45pm, opens Feb 9, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher returns to the National.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm, mats Thurs, Sat 2pm.

KING LEAR: Solid, respectable performance by Tom Wilkinson in a low-powered staging by Max Stafford-Clark. With Saskia Reeves, Hugh Ross.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

THE LAST YANKEE: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Zoe Wanamaker, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

NO MAN'S LAND: Acclaimed production from the Almeida with Harold Pinter and Paul Eddington, Douglas Hodge and Gawn Grainger. David Leveaux directs Pinter's play.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Previews from Wed, 8pm; opens Feb 8, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

THE PRISONERS OF WAR: The first openly gay play presented on the London stage, astonishingly permitted by the Lord Chamberlain in 1925. Love almost dares to spell its name among young officers immured in a Swiss hotel. *J.R. Ackerley's only play.*
New End Theatre, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (071-794 0022). Previews Tues, Wed, 8pm; opens Thurs, 8pm; then Tues-Sun, 8pm, mat Sun, 4pm.

RICHARD III: From Monday RSC actor Ciaran Hinds takes over in the title role.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm.

ROBIN — PRINCE OF SHERWOOD: New Bill Kenwright production, said to be a family *rock' n 'roll musical.*
Piccadilly, Denham Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Previews tonight, Mon, Tues, 7.30pm; opens Wed, 7pm; then Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm.

STAGES: Haunting performance by Alan Bates as the washed-up artist in David Storey's elegy for lost times and places. Lindsay Anderson directs.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Fri, next Sat, 8pm, mat next Sat, 4pm.

TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT: A *first-rate cast in Giles Havergal's* marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

REGIONAL

BATH: Shared Experience's exceptionally well-directed version of *Anna Karenina* on tour.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose (0225 448844). Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

GLASGOW: The Wrestling School, specialists in Howard Barker, premiere *The Europeans,* set in the aftermath of the Siege of Vienna, 1683. With the Christian defeat of the Turks a new Europe can be born: what form will it take?
Tramway, Albert Drive (041-227 5511). Tues-Sat, 8pm. Tour follows.

LEEDS: Incredibly, the first British production for 50 years of Eugene O'Neill's *All God's Chillun Got Wings* about a mixed race couple in jazz-age New York. A pioneering work featuring a 100-voice choir.
West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Hill Mount (0532 442111). Preview tonight, 8pm; opens Mon, 7.30pm; then Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm.

MANCHESTER: Strong cast led by Philip Madoc, Tom Mannion, Michael Mueller, Lorraine Ashbourne in new adaptation of *Dostoevsky's mighty The Brothers Karamazov.*
Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square (061-833 9333). Previews Wed, 7.30pm; opens Thurs, 7.30pm; then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

NOTTINGHAM: Kenneth Haigh *as the tramp currying favour with* Michael Praed and Jonathan Lermit in Pinter's *The Caretaker.*
Playhouse, East Circus Street (0602 419419). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat (Feb 13), 2.30pm.

FILM

ANNABELLE PARTAGEE (18): Paris ballet student hesitates between lovers. Ferociously dull sexual drama. Writer-director Francesca Comencini; with Delphine Zingg, Francois Marthouret.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA (18): Gary Oldman as the Transylvanian legend, preying on Victorian London. Visually audacious, but cold to the touch. Francis Coppola directs. With Keanu Reeves, Winona Ryder.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CHAPLIN (12): A skilled *impersonation by Robert Downey Jr,* but Richard Attenborough's bitty biographical epic never penetrates far inside the man.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

DEEP COVER (18): Undercover cop (Larry Fishburne) infiltrates LA's drug dealers. Potboiler with quirky trimmings. Stars Jeff Goldblum; director Bill Duke.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

A FEW GOOD MEN (15): Cocky naval lawyer (Tom Cruise) defends marines accused of murder. Devilishly seductive courtroom drama starring Demi Moore, Jack Nicholson; director, Rob Reiner.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574).

L.627 (15): The Paris police drugs squad's daily routine: stake-outs, violence, paperwork. Vividly filmed by Bertrand Tavernier, though too long for its material. Starring Didier Bezace.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

MAN BITES DOG (18): *Film crew follows loquacious killer on his* rounds. Cheeky conceit spread too thin by new Belgian film-makers Rémy Belvaux, André Bonzel and Benoît Poelvoorde.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148).

MIDNIGHT STING (15): Rival conmen lock horns over a boxing contest. Ugly, crowd-pleasing fare, with James Woods, Bruce Dern, Louis Gossett Jr. Director, Michael Ritchie.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

NIGHT AND THE CITY (15): Small-time lawyer Robert De Niro turns boxing promoter. Restless, disappointing remake of the 1950 *classic. With Jessica Lange;* director, Irwin Winkler.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

Young blood: Winona Ryder and Gary Oldman in Bram Stoker's Dracula (see Film)

RESERVOIR DOGS (18): A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino. Stars Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth and Steve Buscemi.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

SARAFINA! (15): The Soweto school riots, plus songs. South African hit musical, exuberantly filmed with Leleti Khumalo and Whoopi Goldberg. Darrell James Roodt directs.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

SCHTONK! (15): Bolsterous comedy based on the Hitler diaries scandal. Muted as satire, but enjoyably plush. With Götz George, Uwe Ochsenknecht; director, Helmut Dietl.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

SWEET EMMA, DEAR BOBE (18): István Szabó's piercing portrait of disordered life in post-communist Budapest: his best film in years; strong performance from Johanna Ter Steege.
Metro (071-437 0757).

SINGLES (12): The love problems of Seattle twentysomethings. Engaging, upbeat entertainment, nicely portrayed (Kyra Sedgwick, Campbell Scott, Matt Dillon). Writer-director Cameron Crowe.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

SOFT TOP HARD SHOULDER (15): London to Glasgow with an ice-cream heir (Peter Capaldi), a prim miss (Elaine Collins), and too many whimsies for comfort. Director, Stefan Schwartz.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

TOUS LES MATINS DU MONDE (12): Wonderful, melancholy portrait of French Baroque musicians Sainte-Colombe (Jean-Pierre Marielle) and his pupil Marin Marais (Gérard and Guillaume Depardieu). Also starring Anne Brochet, director, Alain Corneau.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

TRIPLE BOGEY ON A PAR FIVE HOLE: Writer gets entangled with eccentric siblings on yacht circling Manhattan. Slim pickings from independent film-maker Amos Poe.
ICA (071-930 3647).

A WINTER'S TALE (12): A Paris hairdresser's quest for true love. Eric Rohmer near his best: elegant, clear-eyed, realistic. A film laced with magic. Stars Charlotte Véry.
Minema (071-235 4225) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

LONDON SINFONIETTA: John Adams, the American post-minimalist composer (the emphasis firmly on *post*-these days) conducts the British premiere of his own Chamber Symphony as part of an intriguing programme of contemporary music by himself and his compatriots. The other works are Peter Lieberson's *Raising The Gaze,* the British premiere of Tod Machover's *Song of Penance,* and the 1970 Lorca-based *Ancient Voices of Children* by the relentlessly experimental George Crumb.
Barbican, London, EC2 (071-638 8891), Mon, 7.30pm.

AUSTRALIA DAY GALA CONCERT: José Carreras, who is not Australian, joins Sir Charles Mackerras, Yvonne Kenny, John Williams, Jonathan Summers, Leslie Howard and Joan Carden, *who are, for a gala musical* celebration. Proceeds go to the Australian Musical Foundation and the José Carreras International Leukaemia Foundation.
Royal Opera House, London, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

OPERA

LA BOHEME: The late Göran Järvefelt's stirring production, handsomely designed by Michael Yeargan, is revived at Welsh National Opera with Mary Callan Clarke as Mimi, Alwyn Mellor as Musetta, and Paul Charles Clarke, Jason Howard, Karl Morgan Daymond and Stephen Gadd as the impecunious young artists. John Pryce Jones conducts.
New Theatre, Cardiff (0222 394844), Mon, 7.15pm.

RIGOLETTO: *Jonathan Miller's* classic "mafioso" staging has been going strong for a decade since its first outing. This revival, billed as the last ever, brings together a formidable team of company regulars, among them Jonathan Summers in the title role. Arthur Davies as the Duke, Rosa Mannion as Gilda, Richard Van Allan as Sparafucile, and Mark Elder in the pit.
Coliseum, London WC2 (071-836 3161), Thurs, 7.30pm.

ROCK

STEREO MC's: More five mayhem from the dance band whose third album, *Connected,* provides a heady mix of Sixties psychedelia, Seventies funk and Eighties rap.
Cardiff, University (0222 396421), today, 8.30pm.
Birmingham, University (021-472 1841), tomorrow, 7.30pm. **Portsmouth,** Pyramid Centre (0705 877895), Tues, 7.30pm. Bristol, University (0272 299008), Wed, 7.30pm. **Cambridge,** The Junction (0223 410356), Thurs, 7pm. **London,** Town and Country (071-284 0303), Fri, 7pm.

THE SAW DOCTORS: Ireland's most commercially successful group *since U2 are back in the UK.*
Glasgow, Barrowlands (041-552 4601), today, 7.30pm. **Newcastle,** Mayfair (091-232 3109), tomorrow, 7pm. **Leeds,** Town and Country 3 (0532 800100), Tues, 7pm. **Nottingham,** Rock City (0602 412544), Wed, 8pm. **Liverpool,** *Royal Court* (051-709 4321), Fri, 7pm.

GOD MACHINE: Following the welcome re-release of their darkly evocative single, *Home,* this impressive new-metal band take to the road.
Portsmouth, Wedgewood Rooms (0705 863911), Thurs, 7.30pm. **Ashton-under-Lyne,** Witchwood (061-3440321), Fri, 8.45pm.

SHERMAN ROBERTSON: The rip-roaring American guitarist, who has toured with the likes of B.B. King and contributed on Paul Simon's *Graceland* album, has formed a classic rocking blues band.
100 Club, London, W1 (071-636 0933), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

JAZZ

ARCHIE SHEPP QUARTET: The high priest of free jazz in the Sixties has since increased his repertoire to include jazz standards. Still a forceful sax player, he performs here on an exciting double bill with ebullient cornetist Nat Adderley and his quintet including seminal *drummer Jimmy Cobb.*
Union Chapel, London, N1 (071-916 2200), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

Soothing tunes: guitarist Martin Taylor goes on tour

MARTIN TAYLOR: The guitarist and five times winner in the British Jazz Awards starts a seven-week tour to promote his soothing solo acoustic album, *Artistry.*
Scarborough, The Mermaid (0723 379816), Tues, 8pm. **Hull,** The Piper Club (0482 492868), Wed, 8.30pm. **Wakefield,** College Grove Sports Club (0924 374900), Fri, 8pm.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *18*

STIFFY

(b) US slang for a beggar who pretends to be paralysed, from *stiff:* "The fellow was a hobo. He introduced himself as Stiffy Brandon. His monliker indicated that for a beggar craft he had chosen the one that imposed upon the credulous the awful affliction of the paralytic."

RAVANASTRON

(a) An ancient Hindu stringed instrument played with a bow, origin unknown, frequently associated with the legendary King Ravana: "The Hindus maintain that the ravanastron, one of their old instruments played with the bow, was invented about five thousand years ago by Ravana, a mighty king in Ceylon." "The quest for rudimentary types of bowed instruments led to the Welsh crwth and the Indian ravanastron, both regarded as the ancestor of our violin."

INTERDINE

(a) Of members of different castes and tribes, to eat a meal together: "Evidently interdining, like intermarrying, was a mark of equality." "In India, intermarriage, and even interdining, between different castes was unthinkable."

COLULUS

***(b) A sclerite at the base of and between the front spinnerets in many spiders, in modern Latin the diminutive of colus a distaff:* "The well-developed colulus, front spinnerets close together, show them to belong to M. Simon's group Cybaeae." "The colulus is a small tubercle set just in front of the anterior pair of [illegible]"**

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

NEW DISPLAYS: The new displays this year put the emphasis on the portrait (across the collection) and Cubism, and re-examine abstraction in the 20th *century.*
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, from Wed.

MELIES: Usually tagged "the father of film fantasy", Georges *Melies began as a theatrical* magician, but early realised the potential of camera trickery to enhance his magical effects. This exhibition illustrates his original designs, reconstructs his studio and reveals how many of his tricks were done.
Museum of the Moving Image, South Bank, SE1 (071-401 2636). Daily, 10am-6pm, opens Wed-Jun 12.

REMBRANDT'S GIRL AT A WINDOW: The show centres on perhaps Dulwich's most famous Rembrandt, exploring the myths that have grown up round the picture and comparing it with other Rembrandts, including the *Kitchen Maid* borrowed from the Nationalmuseum in Stockholm.
Dulwich Picture Gallery, College Road, SE21 (081-693 5254). Tues-Fri, 10am-1pm 2-5pm, Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm, from Wed-Apr 25.

THE GREAT AGE OF BRITISH WATERCOLOUR: This important new show reveals that between 1750 and 1880 much of the most *innovatory work was done in* watercolour. Some 300 works by the most famous British watercolourists make the point irresistibly. Sponsored by Martini and Rossi.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, *10am-6pm, until Apr 12.*

EDVARD MUNCH: Final showing of the major exhibition on the Norwegian artist.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321). Daily, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), until next Sun (Feb 7).

ERIC GILL: The first to concentrate on Gill's important sculptures, this show is now in its final week.
Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 4141). Mon, Wed, Sat 10am-6.45pm, Tues, 10am-5.45pm, Sun, midday-6.45pm, until next Sun (Feb 7).

HOWARD CARTER: BEFORE TUTANKHAMUN: As well as being one of the most famous and successful Egyptologists, Howard Carter was also a skilful draughtsman, watercolourist, photographer and businessman as this exhibition shows.
British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-636 1555). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm, *until May 31.*

REGIONAL

CIVIL WAR: The Royal Armouries, England's oldest museum, has mounted its first touring display. King Charles I's gilt armour forms the centrepiece of the show which includes more than *60 prize items. Sponsored by The Times.*
Cirencester, Corinium Museum, Park Street (0285 655611). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm, until Mar 28.

ECCO ROMA: This exhibition *gathers from the gallery's own* collection a series of tributes to the enduring magic of the Eternal City, including works made in Rome by such visitors as Brueghel, Elsheimer and Poussin.
Edinburgh, National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat, *10am-6pm,* Sun, 11am-6pm, closes tomorrow.

AN ENGLISH ARCADIA: Many original drawings survive for stately homes in the National Trust's care, and for their gardens and garden buildings. This show *brings together some 120 drawings* made for gardens between 1600 and 1900. Included are works by Sir John Vanbrugh, Capability Brown, Humphrey Repton and Sir Edwin Lutyens among others.
Bristol, City Museum, Queen's Road, Clifton (0272 223571). Daily, *10am-5pm, until Feb 28.*

SOL LEWITT: DRAWINGS 1958-1992: His reputation is intimidating: not only the most famous American Minimalist, but inventor of the term Conceptual Art. Yet Lewitt's works on paper are very approachable. About 350 of them are shown here revealing his sensitive response to colour and texture in pencil, ink and gouache.
Oxford, Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke Street (0865 722733). Tues-Sat, 10am-6pm (Thurs to 9pm), Sun, 2-6pm, until Mar 28.

DANCE

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: The company comes to London with a season chock-a-block *full of ballets. Opening night* includes Graham Lustig's flirtatious *Paramour,* Hans van Manen's duet *Twilight,* the *Don Quixote* pas de deux, Ashton's 1931 parody *Façade,* Kurt Jooss's 1932 political ballet *The Green Table* and Kenneth MacMillan's *Pavane,* presented as a tribute to the choreographer who died in October. Later in the week comes David Bintley's delightful comic ballet, *Hobson's Choice.*
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London, EC1 (071-278 8916). Mixed bill: Tues, Wed, 7.30pm; *Hobson's Choice,* Fri, next Sat, 7.30pm, mat next Sat, 2.30pm.

NEDERLANDS DANS THEATRE 3: The annual Spring Loaded season of contemporary dance opens with the first London showing of this company, established by Jiri Kylian in 1991 to show off the artistry and experience of the mature dancer. The four he has chosen, in their forties and fifties, are working with top choreographers, including Kylian *himself. NDT3 is sharing a* programme with CandoCo Dance Company.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), Mon-Tues, 7.45pm.

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY: The Royal Ballet's signature work returns to Covent Garden after an absence of six years. This timely revival comes in Tchaikovsky's centenary year.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066), tonight, Mon, Thurs, Fri, 7.30pm.

ARC DANCE COMPANY: The company presents the world premiere of *Amlet,* Kim Brandstrup's new work, based on Shakespeare's *Hamlet.* This is the first world premiere of the Year of Dance, the East Midlands-based festival.
Playhouse, Derby (0332 363275), tonight, 7.30pm.

THE NUTCRACKER: Scottish Ballet is reviving Peter Darrell's production of the Tchaikovsky classic, following its successful performances in Japan. Former Bolshoi soloist Vladislav Bubnov makes his UK debut with the company as the Prince at selected performances.
King's Theatre, Bath Street, Glasgow (041-227 5511). Tues-next Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, next Sat, 2.30pm.

NEW VIDEOS

JESSIE MATTHEWS FILMS (Connoisseur, *U*): Two witty, endearing and tuneful delights featuring Britain's *biggest musical* star of the 1930s. *Evergreen* (1934), with Rodgers and Hart songs, recreates her stage success as the young actress who wins fame by posing as her mother. In the quirky *First a Girl* (1935), she comes dressed in top hat and tails, disguised as a female impersonator.

VOLERE VOLARE (Tartan, 15): Clever Italian comedy from Mauricio Nichetti, starring as a bumbling sound technician who turns into a cartoon figure. Uproarious, until *silliness sets in. With Angela* Pinocchiaro. 1991.

JOHNNY SUEDE (Artificial Eye, 15): Adventures of an innocent with a teddy-boy quiff (Brad Pitt). Amusing if self-consciously hip debut feature by Tom DiCillo. 1991.

Hair today: Brad Pitt, the hip star of Johnny Suede

BOOKINGS

THE EVERLY BROTHERS: Don and Phil Everly have broken and made up almost as often as hits like "Wake Up, Little Susie", and "Cathy's Clown" are played on nostalgia radio. No doubt they will pack in the crowds but are they still the masters of two-part harmony?
Hammersmith Apollo, London, W14 (081-741 4868), May 7, 8. **Royal Albert Hall,** London, SW7 (071-589 8212), May 18.

ON THE LEDGE: Alan Bleasdale's latest play is staged by the Nottingham Playhouse in collaboration with the National under the direction of Robin Lefevre. *On The Ledge,* described as a wild comic portrayal of a modern city going to hell, surprisingly marks Bleasdale's debut at the National.
Nottingham, Playhouse (0602 419419), previews from Feb 19, opens Feb 25. **Norwich,** Theatre Royal (0603 630000), Mar 23-27. **Glasgow,** Theatre Royal (041-332 9000), Mar 30-Apr 3. **Bradford,** Alhambra (0274 752000), Apr 6-10. **Newcastle-Upon-Tyne,** Theatre Royal (091-232 2061), Apr 13-17. **London,** Lyttelton (071-928 2252), end Apr.

J.S. BACH'S ST MATTHEW PASSION: The celebrated stage director Jonathan Miller and a young team of singers and musicians bring fresh ideas to a production of Bach's *Passion.* A 24-piece chorus, two orchestras comprising 26 musicians and soloists — Rufus Müller, Richard Jackson, Nancy Argenta, Margaret Cable, Jamie MacDougall and Stephen Varcoe — will double-up as actors. Paul Goodwin conducts.
Holy Trinity Church, London, SW1 (Tickets from the Royal Court box office: 071-730 1745), Feb 18-21, 7pm.

LONDON JAZZ COMPOSERS' ORCHESTRA: At the forefront of improvised music for some twenty years, the LJCO, led by bass player Barry Guy, goes on a Contemporary Music Network tour. A diverse programme will feature Guy's new 17-movement work *Portraits,* designed to show off the talents of each member.
London, Queen Elizabeth Hall (071-928 8800), Mar 4. **Southampton,** Turner Sims Concert Hall (0703 671771), Mar 6. **Irish Centre,** Leeds (0532 455570), Mar 11. **Manchester,** RNCM (061-273 4504), Mar 12. **Birmingham,** Adrian Boult Hall (021-236 3889), Mar 14. **Bath,** University Hall (0225 826777), Mar 18. **Bracknell,** Wilde Theatre (0344 484123), Mar 19.

EVENINGS OUT

ANNA VINTON
JOINT CHAIRMAN, THE REJECT SHOP PLC

I'd love to see *Stages* at the National (until Feb 17), with Alan Bates. It's much the same part he always plays — that of the defeated drunk — but he is so good at it . . . Of all the West End shows, I would most like to see *Travels With My Aunt* (until Mar 27). It's an adaptation of Graham Greene's comic novel, and it stars John Wells. Sometimes the West End is quite irritating because I feel the standard of production is not high enough. Before becoming a retailer I studied at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and then I worked in theatre, so I do mind about that . . . I enjoy films too, but the only one I want to see right now is Richard Attenborough's *Chaplin.* Robert Downey Jr is apparently brilliant. I am always very interested in good performances even if the film as a whole isn't that great. Afterwards I'd go to The Ivy (071-836 4751) in Covent Garden — it's a super restaurant and the food is wonderful.

Chances to experience the wonders of Wagner's cycle, *Der Ring des Nibelungen*, with all four parts given in the space of six days as the composer intended, are rare enough. But when it is done on the lavish scale of New York's Metropolitan Opera, where it has been praised as 'one of the most realistic and romantic versions ever done', it is an opportunity not to be missed. The Met's traditional staging is of a standard that led to its being filmed for release on video, while the performances were recorded for Compact Disc. In charge of the *Ring* is conductor James Levine and his line-up of top-class Wagner singers includes Jessye Norman, Gwyneth Jones, Reiner Goldberg, James Morris, Martti Salminen and many others.

We have made arrangements to obtain a restricted number of the very best seats at the Met for two *Ring* cycles; demand for these is expected to be high and we will allocate them on a first-come first-served basis.

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Prince battles with the horsemen of the apocalypse

I hear from French astrologers that next Tuesday a turbulent conjunction of planets will spawn natural disaster on a grand scale. I beg to disagree: it was actually last weekend. I do not know if the earth moved for you, but never before in my farming career have I lived through such a day of turmoil. Whatever influences were at work, they infiltrated their evil into every beast and every square inch of land on this farm.

It started well; a cracking day for drilling corn. The sticky land had dried nicely throughout the week and we went to work with the harrows. By Sunday, a touch of frost had reduced the soil to a perfect tilth, or "mould" as they say round here, and I rang Derek, the horseman. We decided not only to drill the field, but to give our young horse, Prince, his first full day's work. Farmer Jolly, who worked this land 40 years ago with horses, used to warn that whatever the job, "... it won't come right if yer does it on a Sunday". I shall never doubt his wisdom again.

We hauled the seed-drill to the field, fighting the blustery cold wind all the way. This wind nagged, tugged and teased the horses with its cutting edge and roared in their ears until they were unable to hear commands; so they guessed at what they were being told. This leads to loss of temper on both sides.

Prince was fit to burst. Although well broken to harness, he has yet to be schooled in everyday farm work and has not yet developed that solid placidity which is the hallmark of the reliable working horse. And so, whereas our old soldiers, Star and Blue, backed up to the drill in perfect order, Prince pranced and danced and had to be cajoled. "Whooah boy! Stand still!" we shouted above the gale which, rattling in his ears, confused him even more.

When the team was finally hooked to the drill, Derek ordered them to step forward. The untutored Prince lunged. There was a loud crack, and all three horses shot forward as if from a gun. A cast-iron part of the drill had shattered, leaving the machine behind and the horses going ever faster down the field. Derek held on. Star and Blue would not have flinched at such a common mishap but the new boy had put their nerves on edge.

We calmed the horses and set about repairs. We hooked the team to the drill and were about to take a further step forward when out of the corner of my eye I saw a chilling sight. Galloping across the meadow like a motorised iceberg was our white cow, Sage, with her snowball of a calf and all the other cows and bullocks storming behind. The gate to the cattle yard had blown open and the stock had seized the chance of a quick, midwinter away-day. I dashed to close the gates before they could escape any further and left Derek holding the team of horses.

By the time I returned, relations had deteriorated. Prince, bursting with nervous energy, had reared in the air and crashed down, splitting his harness as he hit the ground. I was on the pont of tears. Derek said nothing, which is always a bad sign.

I trudged back to the farmyard with Prince and his broken harness, to be met by my white-faced children. "The pony's got out!" was the news. Apparently, before opting for a vacation in the meadow, our white cow and her followers had toured the yard putting the fear of God into every creature. This was confirmed by a number of frolicsome hoofmarks. The pigs loftily ignored her, but the pony, never having seen such a beast before, took fright and vaulted a fence. My wife caught it and stumped past me hauling it on a rope, with the look of a woman interrupted halfway through the Sunday papers. In sombre mood, I headed once again into the wind towards Derek, who was now drilling with two horses.

Things changed after lunch: presumably Mercury moved into Uranus, or something. A much calmer Prince joined the other two horses on the seed-drill and all three plodded up and down the field as if they had been working together all their lives.

As dusk fell, we drilled the last round of the wheat and men and horses, equally exhausted by the tensions of the day, stumbled home. As we went, I spotted the new moon in the sky, with Venus clear and bright above the barn, and thanked the stars for releasing their frustrating grip on us.

Derek looked at Prince, sweaty and panting. "That young hoss, he's got a fair old lather between his legs today." "Mmm," I thought, "he's not the only one."

The road to natural beauty

Derwent May on how volunteers are turning our roadside verges into nature reserves

TONY WHITE

Highway gardener: Peter Lawson tends a roadside verge in Suffolk. The arrowed post indicates a "Protected Roadside Nature Reserve"

Man orchids, with their flowers like tiny people, bee orchids that you almost expect to buzz, the rare wasp orchid: all these remarkable flowers still live in lonely patches on the roadside verges of Britain. Millions of acres of old flower meadow have been ploughed up for wheat and barley, and where the hay fields remain, herbicides and competitive strains of grass have often eliminated the flowers.

But suddenly conservationists and wildflower lovers have woken up to the surviving treasure on the roadsides. Hedges have long had their champions, and now it is the turn of the verges.

Old roadside verges are generally, in fact, strips of meadowland separated off between 1750 and 1850 as a result of the parliamentary enclosures of the fields. On the old drove roads they are often very wide. Flocks of sheep would stop to graze on them as they walked, bleating, to market, and villagers would leave their geese there.

Now they are spattered with black oil, dug up by workmen laying pipes and cables, and, above all, mercilessly cut to improve visibility on the road, or from some outmoded notion of tidiness. But the flowers battle on.

Following the pioneering lead given by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, many county nature trusts are engaged in a great plan of conservation. They identify the stretches of roadside where the flowers are particularly fine.

Sometimes a rare species is growing there, sometimes there is just a colourful profusion of flowers, such as cowslips, primroses or meadow crane's-bills, sometimes a characteristic community of plants. Haunts of butterflies may also be picked out, like the marbled white butterfly in Worcestershire.

Birds, too, benefit. On the wide Lincolnshire verges, where the voles proliferate in the grass, barn owls have started flourishing again.

The strips — anything from 100 yards to half a mile long — are designated reserves and, provided there is no danger to traffic, the county highways department is asked to avoid cutting them until August or October. The county councils have generally been very co-operative, although theory has not always been the same as practice, especially when the task of cutting the verges is contracted out to independent operators. "Asking people to make a simple job more complicated is not the easiest thing in the world," one county organiser said ruefully.

Nevertheless, where agreement is reached with the council, the selected stretches are marked at either end with red or white posts, with arrows pointing inwards and the words "Protected Roadside Nature Reserve" on them. This means that at the standard June cutting, the contractors must lift their blades as they pass, except perhaps at the very edge. This gives both the spring and the high-summer flowers time to blossom and seed before their stems are cut down. But the story does not end there.

Generally, councils are not in a financial position to come back and do a special job of mowing the roadside reserves in August or the autumn. Yet, for the flowers' sake, it is necessary to do some hacking down at the end of summer. Otherwise docks and thistles, shrubs and small trees, and even the grass itself are liable to overwhelm the more delicate flowers. On top of that, the mown grass must be raked away, or its nitrogen-rich mulch will encourage injurious and bossy weeds next year.

This is where the public can help. In many counties, volunteers monitor the cutting and do the necessary autumn gardening. Volunteers are also important for providing information about the presence of wildflowers on the verges.

It is a changing scene, with verges going out of protection and new ones coming in. In one county, a volunteer was so enthusiastic, constantly ringing up and saying, "I think I've found another rarity — could you check your Keble Martin *Flora* for me, please?", that he was made the roadside verges officer.

Generally, the county wildlife trust officers seem fairly relaxed about creating new risks for the flowers by drawing attention to them like this. The gains from not cutting far outweigh the ravages of the odd picker or digger, and the trusts are not looking for prosecutions. Indeed, the conservationists are proud of their flowers and like people to see them.

Peter Watson, of the Suffolk trust, is keen for people to enjoy some of his county's specialities, such as the pale yellow sulphur clover, which is conspicuous in the dark green roadside grass, but blooms for only about a week at the end of June.

Other uncommon wild flowers now protected include the tall yellow spires of dyer's greenweed, broad-leaved helleborine, whose flowers are pale green with a white lip, and the wild grape hyacinth. In Shropshire, on a main road near Oswestry, there is a wonderful limestone bank covered with the autumn lady's tresses orchid.

Some counties are planning more ambitious schemes. Andrew Fraser, the director of conservation in Worcestershire, wants to protect badgers' sets on the roadside. Mark Crick, of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, has a vision of whole networks of hedges and grass verges being turned into a kind of "linear reserve" that would thread its way colourfully through miles of countryside.

We could end up with a green and pleasant land of a quite unexpected kind — pending, as we must hope, the return of the lush flower meadows themselves, perhaps under the scheme for farmers to set land aside.

Stop and look at these grassy strips that so many motorists drive by unheeding (and be careful of those, when you do). There are not many flowers yet, but the leaves of the spring flowers are coming through, and a whole glorious summer of flowers lies in wait.

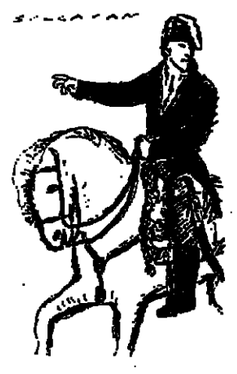
● *For the address and phone number of your county wildlife trust, contact the Wildlife Trusts Partnership, the Royal Society for Nature Conservation, The Green, Witham Park, Waterside South, Lincoln LN5 7JR (0522 544400).*

Booting out a green myth

How did the green wellie come to symbolise the countrified townie?

People harbour strange notions about the origins of the green wellington boot, that rubbery symbol of gentrified country life and urban rusticity.

One wearer assured me the green wellie started as a fisherman's friend in footwear, coloured to meld with duckweed and avoid spooking the fish. Another believed it began life as fashion footwear for slaughterhouse-men dispensing death, for whom black was thought too glum.



Terry Sturgeon says neither of these stories is true, and he knows, because he has designed green wellies since they were first introduced in the winter of 1957/1958. The original green Hunter, produced by the Gates Rubber Company of Dumfries, its was intended to comfortable, all-day field footwear for gamekeepers. The colour was chosen to look well amid grass or heather. The buckle strap adjustment was added to keep trousers in and twigs and leaves out.

The 1970s saw a revolution in the image of the wellington boot. Named after the first Duke of Wellington, it was originally a tall leather riding boot, which came above the knee. The shorter, calf-length boot was a half-wellington, made of patent leather with a top of softer material.

It was only at the end of the 19th century that the half-wellington descended into proletarian usage among gardeners, cowmen and navvies, in the form of moulded rubber wellies. In its black rubber or cheaper PVC form it became the butt of wellie-throwing competitions and was considered fit to be worn only by the likes of Compo in *Last of the Summer Wine*.

The 1970s rescued the wellie, in its green version, from that slough of despond. From being practical waterproof wear for the deep-mud-and-gore brigade, green wellies emerged into fashionable acceptance once more, and really took off when the royal family started being seen in them.

By 1982 green wellies were a "must". *The Official Sloane Ranger Handbook* noted: "London Sloanes sprout green wellies in wet weather like a plague of frogs".

The wellies were essential gear for the country weekend, and townies wanting to imply they had country connections. *Country Living* advertised itself as "the green wellie magazine".

Mr Sturgeon was kept busy. Unisex Hunters and rugged Royal Hunters, with studded soles, were supplemented with shorter Huntresses for ladies, Hunter Wides for gentlemen, and Balmoral Hunters for those seeking a more tailored look. In 1988, the Children's Hunter was launched.

All Gates's green wellies are handmade from natural rubber, and handlasted. It takes ten working days to complete the 23 processes, and an assembly line with 25 people to stick the 20 component parts together. The result, at about £34 a pair, is a British country — and town — classic.

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Feather report

Sing a song of springtime

THE first week of February is an important time in the countryside *(Derwent May writes)*. This is usually when two of our commonest birds begin to sing. Robins and wrens have been singing all through the winter; hedge sparrows, song thrushes and great tits had started by Christmas. But now the first notes of the great spring chorus are about to be struck.

You're walking down a lane, past a garden, and suddenly you hear it: a little run of bright notes, then the same notes speeded up and louder, and finally an emphatic flourish, "chippy-cheeoo!". There's the bird — halfway up an oak tree, its head lifted. A male chaffinch. It has a pink breast, a bluish cap, an olive back and white bars on its wings. There could not be a more cheerful song or sight to tell you that, for the birds, spring has begun.

Birds sing for two main reasons, one of which is a traditional human reason for singing, while the other is more likely, among men, to lead to shouting. These are winning a mate, and driving enemies away. The chaffinch in the garden tree is doing both on this February morning. He is announcing to rival male chaffinches that this is his territory and warning them to keep out. He might have to fight, occasionally, to drive a challenger off, but generally singing will do the trick. He is also inviting female chaffinches to approach the territory; and in the next few weeks, if he is lucky, will choose and be chosen by one.

The other new singer is the blackbird. He is more likely to be heard first on a still evening, and in a town rather than in a village or out in the fields, because the temperature is a fraction higher there. Again the song comes as a surprise — perhaps stealing over one, only half-noticed at first, because it is a quieter song, a few sweet notes crooned casually from a rooftop or wall where the singer is crouching.

Many chaffinches will be singing before another fortnight is out, but the great mass of blackbirds will come in more slowly, and it may be April before one perceives how common they are, the evening air full of their leisurely floating. Listened to attentively, it reveals itself as a curious song, for after the rich, lazy notes there is generally a bar or two of uneasy babble, as if the blackbird never quite has the confidence to see his song through.

Out in the cornfields, skylarks and linnets have been singing intermittently for the past month, but they, too, are spending more time in their territories and singing more freely. In the case of the skylarks, it is perhaps more a matter of "over their territories", since they have no songposts, and have adapted to singing in the sky.

The new voice in the fields is that of the corn bunting. This stout, brown bunting is patchily distributed in Britain but is quite common. The male bird usually has a large territory, where it will have several mates nesting when summer comes, and it likes to perch high when it sings so that it can see other corn buntings far off. It sits right on the top of a hedgerow hawthorn tree or, even better, on an electricity pylon cable running over the fields.

"Chippy-cheeoo": the song of the male chaffinch heralds spring

It is odd to watch when it is singing, since it throws its head back, opens its beak wide and seems to snarl. The song that it emits is a ticking sound, increasing in speed and turning into a metallic rattle, like keys being jangled. Sometimes it flies off, still singing, with a slow, flickering wing beat, its legs dangling untidily in the air.

February also sets the green woodpeckers laughing more shrilly, a sign that they, too, are turning to the business of spring. On the moors, the curlews will soon be returning to breed. They, like the skylarks, have only the ground and the air to live in and make their spring cry in the sky, rising up and up with a rippling trill, then gliding back down into the heather again.

All this music and activity is only a beginning. There are other resident British birds that are not yet ready to break their winter silence — while in southern Europe and Africa, millions of singing summer visitors are already building up their strength for the flight north.

● **What's about:** *Birders — great spotted woodpeckers feeding in bare trees. Twitchers — hoopoe in Bournemouth, snowy owl at Wicks in the Highlands. Details from Birdline. 0898 700222.*

Gene genie is out of the jar

How do you like your modified genes? Perhaps you did not realise that you have been eating them *(Robin Young writes)*. Britain is one of the few countries where foods made with genetically altered organisms are already on sale in supermarkets, but there is no indication on food labels to tell you.

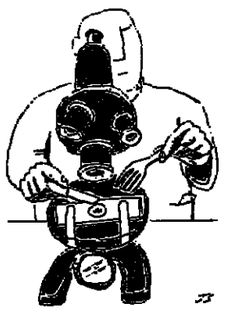
In fact, manufacturers in this country already use three types of a genetically modified enzyme. chymosin, as a vegetarian alternative to calves' rennet in cheese. A genetically modified yeast has been approved for bread making.

The genetically engineered tomato, with the gene that speeds the fruit's ripening neutralised by the introduction of an extra "masking" gene, is already a reality in America.

Developments in biotechnology, the result of spectacular advances since the discovery of DNA, offer agriculture and the food industry huge benefits in scientific corner-cutting. They also frighten the wits out of some consumers.

FOOD SPY

Genetically modified food is now on sale



In the past, increases in yield and improvements in particular traits, such as disease resistance, fat content or protein level, had to be achieved by time-consuming, costly and extremely hit-and-miss breeding methods. With genetic engineering, it suddenly becomes possible to *transfer a desired* characteristic in a single generation.

Among plants, new crop varieties can be created to suit dry or salty land, or to grow faster in cold climes. Genes can be incorporated from other varieties to provide resistance to pests and fungal diseases. In animals, it is possible, by injecting DNA into the fertilised egg, to put a cow's gene into pigs to increase their growth and reduce their fat.

Animal, vegetable, it is all the same to the DNA juggler. A human, a bug, or an orange are all made of DNA, the four-letter alphabet of proteins which composes genes and chromosomes. So, for example, a gene from the Arctic flounder, a fish, can be introduced into tomatoes to make them frost-resistant. A human growth hormone can be slipped into pigs to make pork more tender.

Another new technique, replacing the nuclei of cells from an embryo with nuclei from a donor, will produce genetically identical clones. Already in the United Kingdom, as many as five identical sheep have been reared from a single embryo, forerunners of "superstrains" of farm animals.

The potential advantages are tremendous. Some plants, including potatoes and tomatoes, have already been tinkered with to make them resistant to viral diseases. Others have been immunised against herbicides. The need for chemical pesticides could be substantially reduced.

Already enzyme technology has contributed to rapid developments in converting starch into sugar *syrups and new sweeteners. It has* also given us Quorn, the brand name applied to now widely consumed mycoprotein produced from fungi grown by fermentation.

People's attitudes to genetic engineering are just as confused as the European directives and national legislation which are supposed to regulate it. In surveys, the great majority of people questioned admit that they simply do not know enough about the subject to answer the questions.

Others react violently against the whole idea of novel technologies. In the United States protesters, led by Jeremy Rifkin of the Pure Food Campaign, are urging boycotts of all genetically modified food. In Holland, fields of genetically modified crops were destroyed by protesters two years running.

There are serious grounds for concern. The complexity of ecosystems makes it impossible to predict precisely what will happen when new organisms are put into circulation. Past disasters, such as the release of rabbits in Australia and rats in New Zealand, excite alarm about the introduction of genetically modified organisms which could wreak world-wide ecological havoc.

One American study recently showed that foreign genes introduced into radishes pollinated by insects quickly spread into wild varieties a kilometre away. Genetically modified crops, then, might cross-breed with other varieties to produce unstoppable superweeds, themselves resistant to drought, frost, and all known weedkillers. Genetically engineered bacteria might devastate the earth. Experts do not think so, but they have been wrong before.

One thing that most people do agree upon is that there is need for more information and some open debate. A survey last year showed that 85 per cent of consumers thought supermarkets should label genetically engineered foods clearly. Yet manufacturers like to keep it secret. There is a strong possibility that regular cheeses, as well as premium "vegetarian" brands, are now produced using genetically modified chymosins, but the labels are silent on the point.

The funny thing is that in the same survey I just quoted, almost half the respondents said that they would positively choose genetically modified foods if they could. I am damned if I would.

A case of red herrings

Fiona Beckett follows the trail from Southwold to Lowestoft and discovers an acquired taste

The story began with John Huggins of John's Fish Shop in Southwold, Suffolk. He mentioned he sold red herrings. There really are red herrings? Certainly. He sells 50 a week. I went to look for myself. There they were, hanging on the traditional pole or speet, their unique reddish gold colour attainable only after six weeks' solid smoking. You could keep them for a full 12 months without refrigeration, Mr Huggins said.

Where did these marvels come from? From Terry in Lowestoft. And where would I find him? Well, Mr Huggins couldn't say exactly where, but if I went to the fish market they'd point me in the right direction.

At eight o'clock the next morning I was at the fish market in the driving rain. They looked blank when I asked about Terry. I must be looking for the smokehouse. That was through the precinct, past the market, over by the library.

I eventually found it, a run-down looking shack, next to Boggis the butcher. "The cheapest smoked salmon in the world can be bought here at £3.80 a lb," it said outside. No mention of red herrings.

No Terry either, but a David and a Gordon doing a bustling business in cut-price skate. At the back was a tarry black hole — the last of what used to be a row of smokehouses down the street in the days when herrings made fortunes for Lowestoft fishermen.

Gordon fished a red herring for me out of the back. They were among the last, he said, to smoke red herrings the proper way. "You need a heavy fire that lasts for 48 hours, then you let it die down for a day, then put another fire down. If you're constantly smoking, it gets too hot."

Did they know Terry? I could try the smokehouse down the Whapload Road. Woplote? How do you spell that? I dunno, you're the writer, said Gordon, returning to his fish. It took another half hour to track down Terry. Another shack, another black hole. Now 61, he has been in the business all his working life. His grandfather used to eat a red herring with bread and butter for his Christmas tea.

Terry's herrings were the real McCoy, burnished red-gold. Not, Terry muttered, like some he could mention, who smoked them for only three days. That reminded me: I'd had a tip-off that a Yarmouth firm was mass-producing red herrings and exporting large quantities to the Middle East...

I found HS Fishing Company down at the docks, just past Ivy's Noted Tea Shop. An entire factory devoted to the manufacture of red herrings? It seemed too good to be true. It was. The herrings weren't red at all but golden — salted, it is true, for 31 days, but smoked for a mere three. That was how they liked them in the Middle East, said Chris Dearman, the general manager. "They're very popular in the Arab countries. You can guarantee you'll find them wherever there are Egyptians."

Mr Dearman explained that what I understood by a red herring was a *hard cured* herring, quite a different kettle of fish. And did I know about the Italians? They'd been importing smoked herrings for over 400 years. Now those were called silver herrings...

By this time I was well and truly confused. The only thing to do was to sample the herrings in question — Terry's true red, grilled the traditional way, versus the Egyptians' golden, served cold and thinly sliced.

They were — how shall I put it — an acquired taste, but Terry's (as supplied by Mr Huggins) had a quite appealing tanginess if nibbled cold.

And the origin of the phrase "red herring"? According to *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable*, they used to be drawn across a fox's path to put the hounds off the scent. That really just about sums it up.

● *John's Fish Shop is at 5 East Street, Southwold, Suffolk (0502 724253). Other fishmongers may be able to obtain red herrings to order. Golden herrings are available by mail order from HS Fishing Company, The Old Curing House, Sutton Road, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR30 3NA (0493 858118).*

JOHN MANNING

Fishy story: a herring has to smoke for six weeks to attain the reddish-gold colour, John Huggins says

RESTAURANT WATCH

From a new chef at Jardin to a rehearsal at Quaglino's

REJUVENATION
An Jardin des Gourmets
5 Greek Street, Soho, London W1 (071-437 1816)
Redecorated and relaunched in brasserie style this month, Joseph Berkmann's Jardin, home of one of London's best value wine lists, gets a long-awaited new chef on Monday. He is Denis Lobry, who worked for more than 15 years for the Roux Brothers at Gavvers and Boucherie Lamartine. For February, the Jardin will be offering three-course lunches and dinners at £9.50 all in. Lunch Monday to Friday, 12.15-2.30pm. Dinner 6-11.15pm (last orders).

FARTHING
Harveys Restaurant
12 Denmark Street, Bristol, BS1 5DQ (0272 277665)
Ramon Farthing is now head chef at the revitalised Harveys, in 13th-century cellars under Bristol city centre. The manager is Simon Bell, son of Kenneth, erstwhile owner of Thornbury Castle, who formerly managed restaurants in Los Angeles for Peter Langan and Peter de Savary, and the Blakes restaurant in London for Ariouska Hempel. Harveys' menu has been overhauled and abbreviated. Lunch Monday to Friday, 12-2.30pm. Dinner Monday to Saturday, 7-11pm.

INSPECTORS CALL
Del Buongustaio
283 Putney Bridge Road, London SW15 (081-780 9361)
Last year the *Egon Ronay Guide*'s office party coincided with a similar outing from the *Good Food Guide* at The Brackenbury in W6 (081-748 0107). This year Ronay's people went to Osteria Antica Bologna's younger sister, and perhaps had an even jollier time. The cooking at del Buongustaio really is Bolognese (the Osteria's inclines to Sicilian), although the menu changes daily. Monday to Saturday, 12-3pm and 6.30-11.30pm (last orders). Five-course *menu degustazione*, £19.50.

DRESS REHEARSAL
Quaglino's
16 Bury Street, London W1 (071-930 6767)
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ENTERTAINING AT HOME

TRICIA GUILD

The way my table looks is important to me. It doesn't have to be grand, it doesn't have to cost a fortune, but the colours of the food, the napkins, the ceramics and the candles must all work as a piece.

My dining-table is an old French cherrywood, with pull-out extension leaves at each end. It works equally well when there are six or ten of us, or even when, occasionally, there are 14 or 16.

Sometimes I use a cloth, but more often I'll just have mats, with all sorts of different napkins. I am so lucky to have the Designers Guild shops because, with so many different fabrics to hand, I can easily fringe and make up my napkins or mats. I use our own ceramics, too, which are very colourful.

Two years ago we started making tableware. The idea was to have stuff that could be used every day and which could be mixed up. It's good if your friends never quite know what your table is going to look like. I never get tired of experimenting.

There must be flowers, of course, but never huge arrangements that nobody can see across. As my table is long, I'll maybe have four or five different groups of flowers and candles, each linking up as a whole piece, each one slightly different. A long row of identical arrangements might look great, too. That's my problem: I can't make rules because I always want to break them.

Generally, I invite people a couple of weeks beforehand. Our guests are usually connected with our lives: our family, friends, artistic people in one way or another. Lots of people from the theatre.

As I've become more health conscious, my cooking has changed a lot. Nowadays, when I bake a tart, I make sure it has lots of fresh fruit in it, rather than dollops of cream. I try to create dishes that not only taste really good but avoid that bloated feeling.

My husband, Richard Polo, is a partner in the Italian restaurant Orso, and we eat there about four nights a week, so I am very influenced by Italian food. And, as well as our house in Chelsea, we have a home in Italy, where we love to eat simple things, such as bruschetta, antipasto and pasta. Eating Italian food always feels right to me: I never ever get bored with it.

Richard always helps when we have friends round for dinner and he's particularly good at pasta. Sometimes he will cook one course and I'll cook another. As he is so involved with food, he insists on tasting everything and is incredibly critical.

What I particularly enjoy is eating something new in a restaurant and then trying it out at home. Sometimes in Italy you come across a tiny place which has great food — such as when, last summer, we ate simple pasta with rosemary. It was wonderful. I re-did it the next day. I got it right, I think. More or less.

I read a lot of recipe books, but rarely stick to them. I adapt. Recipe books are rather like guide books, you get to know a person's recipes, then you read between the lines. A favourite little book is *The Tuscan Year*, which has authentic Italian recipes: the kind of food we eat in Italy. They're of the season, which I also like. It's nice to make pasta with fresh tomato sauce for friends in August when all the tomatoes in the garden are ripe.

Because I'm always working, I tend to use the telephone when planning a dinner party. I work things out minutely the day before and order really good fruit and vegetables from people I've got to know, such as Frys on Chelsea Green, west London. Then I'll either phone or go down to Luigi's Italian Delicatessen in the Fulham Road; among other things it has that delicious *ciabatta* bread. Clarke's Delicatessen, in Old Church Street, Kensington, is another favourite of mine. The meat comes from Cobbs, behind Peter Jones in Sloane Square.

If any pre-cooking is necessary, I prefer to do it in the morning, and be very organised about it. I cannot bear the feeling of running out of time.

Guests arrive at 8pm or 8.30pm, and I usually give them a glass of Prosecco, because it's so light — in fact, I prefer it to champagne; it's easier on the body. And we always have music — opera, classical, jazz. Everything's very informal. We just enjoy ourselves.

Entertaining usually happens at weekends, depending on my work load. Although I do not take work home, I'm always working in my head; thinking about what I'm doing and being inspired and motivated. This can come from a number of sources: going to the opera, an art gallery, a restaurant, or making a meal. If one has a real interest in something — work or cooking, whatever it is — it's always there. I really do think that you are what you eat. One's energy is very much connected to food.

Pasta master: Tricia Guild at work in the well-equipped kitchen of her Chelsea home

Tricia Guild's pasta and rosemary dish

(serves 6-8)

For the pesto, you need:
3 cups rosemary sprigs (rosemary taken from the stems)
1 cup flat parsley leaves
two cloves of garlic
salt and pepper to taste
1-1½ cups best virgin olive oil
1 onion
2 sticks of celery
1lb spaghettini *al dente*
parmesan cheese

Finely blend the rosemary, parsley and garlic. Then add the olive oil. In a separate pan, sauté in olive oil one onion and two sticks of celery, very finely chopped. In another pan, cook the spaghettini *al dente*, probably for no more than 30 seconds. Be careful, as it's easy to overcook. When cooked, drain the pasta, reserving a small amount of its water. Put the spaghettini into the sauté pan and mix in the rosemary pesto. If it's a little dry, add more of the spaghettini water. Serve with a generous amount of freshly grated parmesan.

Interview by Paddy Burt

● *Tricia Guild is the chairwoman and creative director of Designers Guild, with shops at 272 and 277 King's Road, London SW3 5EN (071-353 5775). The Tuscan Year, by Elizabeth Romer (£8.99), is available from Books for Cooks, 4 Blenheim Crescent, London W11 (071-221 1992).*

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Cut the budget, not the taste

Frances Bissell explains how the cheaper meats can make some grand dishes

THE least expensive cuts of meat are used in my recipes today, but they are among the tastiest. Some people dislike the idea of eating ears, feet and tails, but these appear on the grandest tables. Pierre Koffman of La Tante Claire in London, who has just won his third Michelin star, has long been famous for his boned and stuffed pig's trotters. At Les Ambassadeurs, the Hôtel de Crillon's grand restaurant, the chef, Christian Constant, serves a dish of oxtail and beef cheek, and another of pig's ear and knuckle.

These are not large, dense pieces of meat, nor are they are fatty. Plenty of bone, gristle and sinew yield juices of an incomparably rich flavour and texture, when cooked slowly. And that is the secret. These cuts will not make a big hole in your budget, but they will take time to cook; several hours in some cases. On the other hand, they will not be spoilt by an extra half hour or so in the oven.

They can be cooked the day before and reheated. Getting them into the pot will not take too long either, simply the time it takes to chop up a few vegetables.

Regrettably, it is not easy to buy lamb shanks, knuckle of pork and oxtail; they have to be ordered in advance. It is well worth doing so: if your butcher realises that there is a demand for them, he or she might start stocking them regularly.

I have planned today's recipes in such a way that most of them include a substantial starch or pulse accompaniment, which goes well with the meat; thus, barley with lamb, black beans or cornmeal with pork, and potatoes with the beef mean that you do not have to cook an extra dish.

These are substantial main courses. Salads or vegetable dishes are perfect for starters, with something light and fruity to follow.

To go with these rustic dishes, try French country wines such as Fitou, Corbières, Roussillon and the village Rhône wines.

Lamb shanks with leeks and barley

(serves 4)

1 large onion, peeled and sliced or chopped
1tbsp olive or sunflower oil
2 or 3 garlic cloves (optional), peeled and crushed
4 lamb shanks
½pt/280ml red or white wine, lamb stock or water
1tsp black peppercorns
2 bay leaves
1 or 2 sprigs of thyme
6oz/170g pearl barley
1lb/455g leeks
salt

In a casserole, fry the onion in the oil until golden brown and add the garlic, if using it. Brown the lamb shanks all over and add the wine, peppercorns, bay leaves, thyme and barley. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer for one hour. Meanwhile, trim, slice and wash the leeks. If you are using expensive baby leeks, leave them whole. After the lamb has been cooking for an hour, add the leeks, stir to cover them with juice, and then continue cooking until the lamb, barley and leeks are tender. The casserole can also be cooked in the oven at 180C/350F, gas mark 4, for about two hours, or for longer at a lower temperature if more convenient.

Casserole of pork knuckle with oriental spices, ginger and black beans

(serves 4-6)

2-3lb/1.35kg pork knuckle
1-2tbsp dark soy sauce
1tsp 5-spice powder
1tsp crushed, black pepper, or Szechuan peppercorns
2tsp grated fresh ginger, or 1tbsp finely chopped, crystallised ginger
1tbsp rice vinegar
1tbsp demerara sugar
1lb/455g black beans, soaked overnight
fresh coriander for garnish

Score the pork skin all over. Mix together the rest of the ingredients, except the beans and coriander, and rub into the pork. Let it marinate for several hours, or overnight if more convenient. Put the beans in a saucepan with plenty of water. Bring to the boil, and boil for 10-15 minutes. Drain, rinse and put the beans and pork in a casserole. Almost cover with water or stock, bring to the boil and cover. Simmer for 2-3 hours until the pork and beans are tender, or cook for 3-4 hours in a slow oven, 150C/300F, gas mark 3. Serve decorated with a few sprigs of coriander if you wish.

THE next recipe makes a good dish for a party. It was inspired by a visit I made a few years ago to Bogota, Colombia. If possible, try to get one or two helpers. Ideally, the tamales should be wrapped in banana leaves or cornhusks, but foil or greaseproof paper will do.

Tamales

(serves 8-10)

1lb/455g corn meal (polenta)
4tbsp flour
1tsp salt
2tbsp olive oil
2tbsp wine vinegar
½tsp cumin seeds
chicken or beef stock to mix
1lb/455g raw chicken, off the bone
1lb/455g pork spare rib chops
1lb/455g lean pork
½lb/230g belly of pork, rind removed
½lb/230g chipolata sausages
1½lb/680g onions, peeled and chopped
1lb/455g tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped
12 olives, stoned and chopped
2oz/60g capers
3oz/85g seedless raisins
¾lb/340g cooked or canned haricot or cannellini or other white beans

Sift the polenta (corn meal), flour and salt together. Mix in the olive oil, vinegar, cumin seeds and enough stock to make a smooth paste that is firm enough to handle.

Dice the chicken, all the pork and sausages. Cook in a heavy saucepan with a little of the onion and tomato for about 30 minutes. In a separate pan, cook the remaining onion and tomato until soft, in a little oil if necessary.

Cut greaseproof paper into 8 x 8in/30.5 x 20.5cm squares. Spoon 3-4tbsp of the corn meal paste into the centre and flatten it to about ½in/1cm. On top, pile a little meat, some of the tomato and onion mixture and some olives, capers, raisins and beans. Top with some more paste and smooth top and bottom together to seal the filling inside. Carefully wrap the greaseproof paper around each tamale so that it is watertight, tying if necessary. Steam for two hours.

You can make the same ingredients into a tamale pudding or pie by lining a pudding basin or pie dish with part of the corn mush, packing in the filling and covering with the rest of the corn. If steaming, cover with pleated foil, or brush with melted butter and bake.

Tamales can be served with a hot sauce made by mixing finely chopped spring onion or leek, tomato, fresh chillis and fresh coriander leaves, mixed with lime juice or vinegar.

ON A visit to Vienna one February, I found a rich, warming and filling goulash in several of the city's restaurants. At home, I always make more than I need for one meal so that there will be enough for goulash soup later in the week. Use Hungarian paprika for real authenticity, choosing one of the sweet (ie, mild) ones rather than fiercely hot ones, since what is important here is the colour; the hot paprika can be used in place of the chilli or cayenne. Since I do not like caraway seeds, I use dill seeds.

Gulyas

(serves 6, plus leftovers)

3lb/1.35kg braising beef, such as flank or chuck
1lb/455g onions peeled and sliced
1tbsp grapeseed oil
2tbsp sweet paprika
2tsp flour
small or large pinch of chilli powder, cayenne pepper or paprika, to taste
1tsp dill seeds
¼pt/140ml beef or veal stock
small can of tomatoes, optional (about 7oz/200g)
¼pt/140ml decent red wine
salt, pepper

Fry the onions in the oil in a large flame-proof casserole until golden brown. Remove and put to one side. Cut the meat into 2in/5cm pieces and brown them in the oil. Sprinkle on the paprika, flour, chilli and dill and stir in well, continuing to cook. Pour on a little stock and vigorously scrape up any bits stuck to the bottom. Add the rest of the stock, the tomatoes and the wine.

Bring to the boil, cover and simmer very gently for about three hours, seasoning after two hours. Sometimes potatoes are peeled, cut up and added to the stew about half an hour before the end of cooking, or the dish can be served with boiled or steamed potatoes, broad noodles or dumplings.

To make a goulash soup from the leftovers, cut up the meat into smaller pieces, together with any potatoes. Put them and the gravy in a saucepan, together with a pint or so of stock. Stir well, bring to the boil, and simmer for 15 minutes. Serve with soured cream and chopped parsley.

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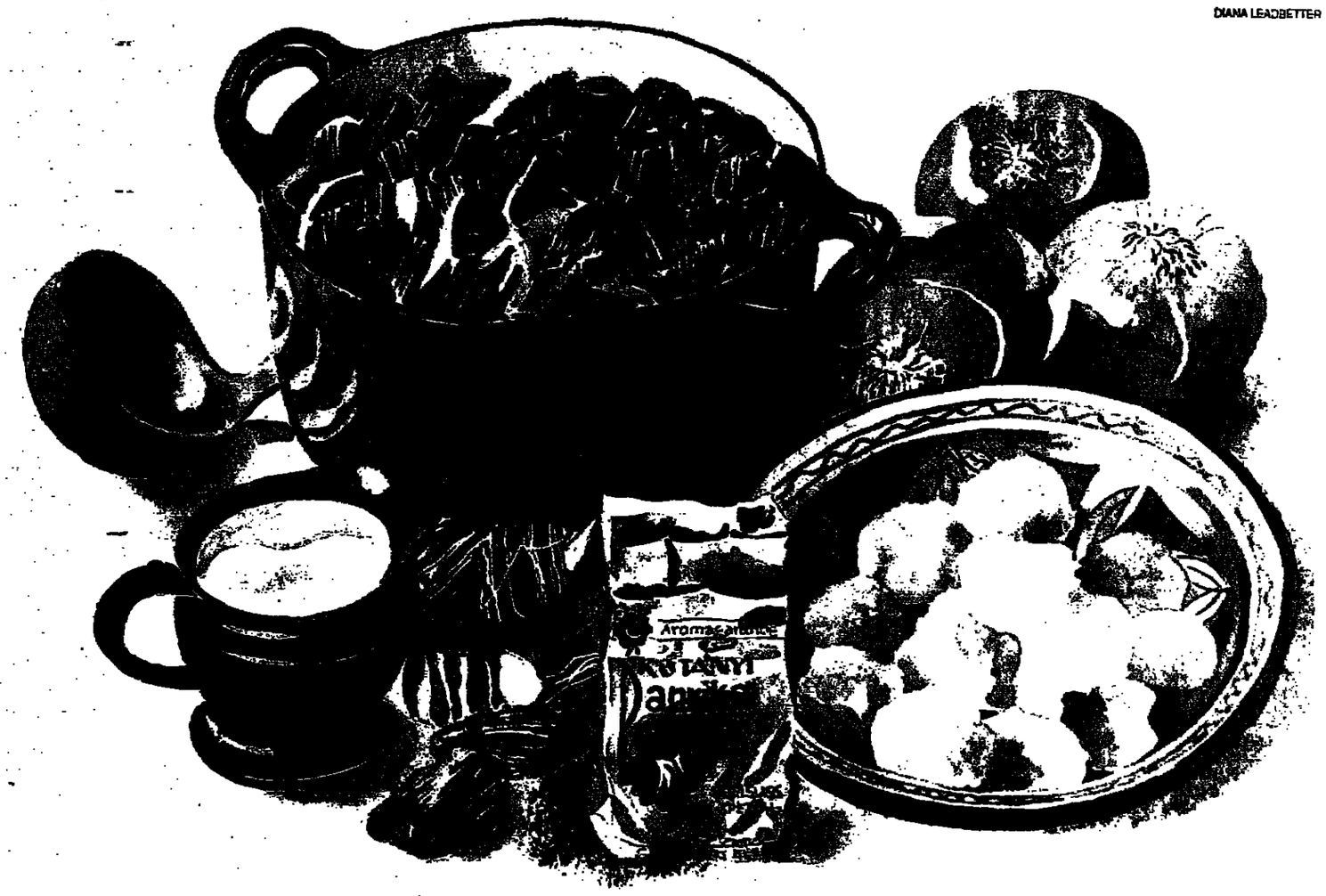

Rich repute that belies good value

Jane MacQuitty says 1991's fine burgundies are worth laying down

Inconsistent, scarce, expensive and often not worth the money or its vaunted reputation, why do we bother with burgundy? The answer is the taste. Nowhere else in the world can you experience the pure pinot noir flavours of ripe plums, damsons and strawberries, wrapped up in layers of velvety richness that, when aged, take on magnificent overtones of leaf mould, liquorice and spiced game.

New world wineries that specialise in pinot noir, such as California's Au Bon Climat and Calera Jensen, Oregon's Domaine Drouhin, Coldstream Hills in Australia's Yarra Valley (occasionally), and the odd New Zealand vineyard, have all done extraordinarily well with this variety. But year in, year out, the true taste of a pure pinot noir is frustratingly difficult to obtain outside Burgundy.

Thankfully, white burgundy is an easier story, principally because the chardonnay grape is a forgiving one and much easier to handle. Yet top white burgundy years, such as 1989 and 1990, are not nearly as frequent as drinkers and merchants would like.

It is easy, then, to see why leading high street outlets such as Tesco and Sainsbury's believe that burgundy has burnt its boats. Simon Blower, the head of Sainsbury's wine department, says: "Burgundy has a big problem: its cost base is far too high, its aspirations too high, it is never going to be truly competitive."

But, if you choose well, burgundy is worth buying at various levels. Building up a great burgundy cellar will take twice the time, dedication and cash than, say, a similar bordeaux cellar. But in some ways that is half the fun. Burgundy challenges the senses and the brain in the way that no other wine does.

All this explains why buying the latest 1991 burgundy vintage *en primeur*, or early on when the wine is still in cask, is worth it. On first inspection, 1991 appears to be so overshadowed by the sheer excellence and majesty of the 1990 vintage as to be worth ignoring. One year on from their *en primeur* campaign, the 1990s are agreed by the Burgundians, and their merchants in Britain, to be the top vintage among the golden trio of '88, '89 and '90, a run that has not been seen in the region probably since '47, '48 and '49.

True, the '89 whites are ahead of the '90s, and I consider '88 a more classic year for reds. But for sheer richness and an intensity of gloriously ripe fruit flavour, not unlike the '82 Bordeaux vintage, the '90s win every time. Any burgundy devotees without this year in their cellars need to buy it now before it is too late.

Where the '91s score over the '90s is in their accessibility. Dominique Lafon, a well-travelled wine maker from the top Domaine des Comtes Lafon, says: "I love '91 because it's luscious and easy and showing everything, very forward. 1990 was a vintage for professionals, 1991 is a vintage for drinkers."

That a wine is ready to drink sooner may not sound much of an advantage, but in an era when few have the space, or patience, to store wine for years, the early maturing '91s, with the whites ready from about 1994 on, and the reds from, say, 1996 on, have a definite place.

It is as well to remember, too, that the tiny quantities produced of top wines such as the *grands crus* are much in demand and there is often less than one barrel — only 25 cases — destined for Britain. As usual with burgundy, there will be more customers than cases for the best '91s.

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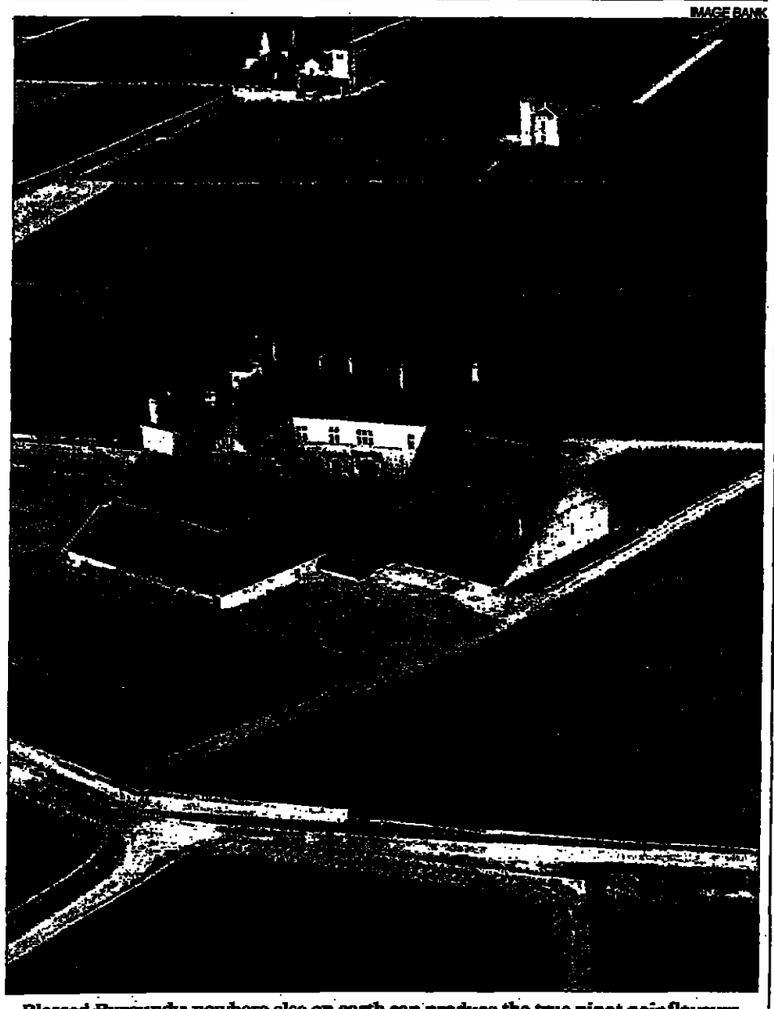

Blessed Burgundy: nowhere else on earth can produce the true pinot noir flavours

The '91 was a strange vintage. Natural mishaps, such as a cold spell in April and the flowering in June being hit by hail and storms, were cancelled out, for almost all, by an outstandingly hot, dry summer — so much so that by the beginning of September, most Burgundians thought they had another dream vintage in the bag: a small, concentrated crop that could perhaps top the superb '90s. Unfortunately, the night before most were due to harvest, it started to rain heavily.

Leading estates, such as Comtes Lafon, wheeled in 40 pickers instead of the usual 25, to minimise the effect of rot and dilution, and managed to harvest their crop in six days, instead of the marrow-ten to twelve. Domaine Méo-Camuzet made certain that any green, unripe grapes stemming from the June storms and uneven flowering, plus rotten ones from September's rain, were weeded out by hand from a conveyor, reducing their yield by about 5 per cent. A green harvest in the summer's heat removing excess bunches at Méo-Camuzet ensured an earlier reduction in yield by 5-10 per cent.

To achieve excellence in the variable '91 vintage, Burgundian wine makers had no alternative but to resort to tactics such as these, with the best wines in 1991 showing yields of 30 hectolitres a hectare and below.

The result is an easy drinking, fairly maturing, always average burgundy year. The whites can lack concentration and character. But the best '91 whites have rich, buttery flavours with delicious citrus overtones of lemon, lime and apricot. The top '91 reds are probably a shade better, with plenty of ripe, full fruit, backed up by a distinctive, earthy, herbaceous, almost leaf mould-like character, but one that not all drinkers may like, particularly compared to, say, the overt fruit of 1990.

With prices down in the region for the third successive time (a drop this time of nearly 30 per cent), the '91s are back down to the levels of almost a decade ago, and this, coupled with lots of unsold stock in Burgundy, must make it a good time to buy.

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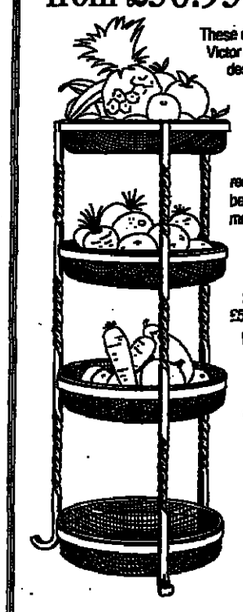

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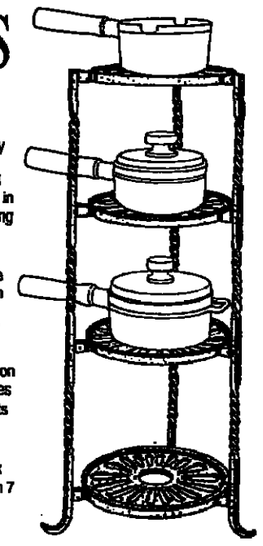

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Despite speaking no Gaelic, **Ruth Gledhill** travels to Scotland to enjoy the celebration of a Highland service in Edinburgh

Highland spirit worships in its own tongue

THE drinking fountain with a statue of Bobby, the faithful Skye terrier who sat for 14 years by the grave of his master until his own death in 1872, was scarcely visible through the freezing hail, snow and wind at the corner of Candlemaker Row in Edinburgh. I walked through the Greyfriars church gates, past Bobby's pink granite memorial stone, to be greeted with a cheery, "*Cò as a cha thu?*" Finlay Morrison, a fellow worshipper, wanted to know where I was from. Scotland suddenly seemed a little further north of Watford Gap than many Sassenachs imagine.

I was at one of the few weekly Gaelic services in the Scottish lowlands. The Gaelic speakers used to have a Highland church of their own, St Columba's near the Usher Hall in Edinburgh. In the late 1940s, they moved to Tolbooth St John's, by the castle, which is now closed. Our service was in the St John chapel, created in the south-west aisle at Greyfriars when the Highland congregation moved again in 1979.

The Rev John Campbell, who is over 80 and from Dunfermline, came out of retirement to take the service. The usual minister at the Gaelic services, the Rev Ewen MacLean, was away. Mr MacLean, a Glasgow-born native Gaelic speaker, was the previous incumbent at Greyfriars.

Giving a sign: the Rev John Campbell aids words with gestures

We sang no hymns. Instead Roderick Macdonald, the precentor, "precented" the psalms, a Highland tradition which dates from a time when churches did not have musicians and few people were literate. With his beautiful tenor voice, he "lined out" the Gaelic psalms. This meant singing a descant line which we repeated, with embellishments from the more practised members of the congregation. We began with psalm 135, to the old Scottish tune of "Kilmarnock". As the eerie melody, a cross between Celtic tribal music and Gregorian chant, echoed around the enormous church, it was not difficult to imagine that outside, covered by heavy snow, were bracken and hills around unfathomable lochs.

The church is popular with tourists and students. Ivan Derzhanski, 25, from Bulgaria, is in Edinburgh studying for a doctorate in cognitive science. Asked why he was learning Gaelic, he said: "I am fond of languages in general. Being in Scotland was an opportunity to add another one to the list." He speaks about 18 tongues and has progressed to reading lessons in Gaelic. Phonetically, Gaelic most resembles Russian, he said. Unlike Welsh, it was difficult to guess at the pronunciation. Even the Lord's Prayer, from the first line, "*Ar n-Athair a tha air nèamh*", to "*ghlòir*" (glory), was hard to follow.

Apart from standing briefly at the beginning and end, we remained seated throughout. With the help of Mr Derzhanski, Phyllis Reoch, a church elder, and *An Tiomnadh Nuadh*, the Gaelic-English New Testament provided, I could follow the New Testament reading, Mark 9:14-25. The Old Testament reading, from 1 Samuel, about God's problems in communicating with his servant Samuel, I had to guess at.

For his sermon, Mr Campbell took two verses from the New Testament reading as his text. He preached from notes, his hands clasped in front of him, eyes beseeching us to believe for the sake of our salvation. I guessed correctly that he was talking about doubt and faith. Basic comprehension was made possible by his occasional references to *Iosa* (Jesus), dramatic gestures and mournful expressions.

His last parish was Urquhart, on the shores of Loch Ness, where he counted the fabled monster as a member of his congregation.

After the service, most of the 15 or so worshippers chaned over hot, strong tea and buttered potato scones. There were two MacDonalds, a Morrison, Munro, Greig and MacLean. Unlike many English churches, where women often predominate, at this service the men outnumbered the women three to one. Sadly, only one, Archibald Macpherson, a law lecturer at Edinburgh's Heriot-Watt University, wore a kilt.

Dr Farquhar Macintosh, former rector of the Edinburgh Royal High School and chairman of the *Sabhal Mor Ostaig*, a Gaelic college, said the total number of Gaelic speakers had gone down but increasing numbers of youngsters were taking the language up again. Iain Ferguson, who teaches Gaelic at evening classes, mounted a defence of the much-maligned Macbeth. "He was the last Gaelic-speaking king. He was not a bad king either. He did not die the way Shakespeare said he did."

Greyfriars is part of the Church of Scotland, an established Presbyterian church with a system of courts instead of bishops. The National Covenant, a protest which led to the end of royal control and the episcopal regime, was signed here in 1638 in front of the pulpit.

The 17th-century church, the first built in Edinburgh after the Reformation, takes its name from the Franciscan Grey Friars who ministered there from 1447 to 1560. The graveyard in which the church stands was once the Grey Friars' herb garden, given to the town by Mary Queen of Scots in 1562 as a burial ground.

Instrumental music was banished from the Church of Scotland from the 17th century and restored for the first time in Greyfriars, when a harmonium and then an organ were installed in the 1860s. The 1850s stained glass at the east end was the first post-Reformation stained glass to be installed in a Church of Scotland church.

Greyfriars is one of the few churches in the land which regularly uses psalms in the metrical, Anglican, plainsong, Gelineau and Gaelic versions.

In less inclement weather, the Highlands service attracts many Gaelic learners. The kirk minister, the Rev David Beckett, who does not speak Gaelic, said: "It does seem to us important that this tradition is maintained. There is a revival of interest in Gaelic language and culture, and we like to think that this forms a centre for people with an interest in things Gaelic."

He sees the task of Greyfriars as building bridges towards Edinburgh University as the university parish church. There are lunchtime services for the commuter population of the parish, and it is also a venue for recitals, concerts and lectures. A team of divinity students works from the church hall, providing meals and entertainment for the city's homeless and disadvantaged, who congregate in the Grassmarket near by.

● *Sunday services: 11am parish worship with crèche. Sunday school, coffee and lunches in Kirk House: 12.30pm Gaelic service: 9.15am Holy Communion on first Sunday of each month. 6pm evening service, second Sunday of each month, Oct-May: 9.30am early service, Sundays mid-June to mid-Sept.*

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Tiptoe through the two-step

Helen Pickles tries shaking a leg at ballroom-dancing lessons

There are no sequins, no navel-revealing shirts, no eyes in Day-glo make-up. Not even, as I had fondly hoped, a glitter ball. Instead, a bare, curtainless studio and seven of us, self-concious in our day clothes, wondering whether this is a good idea. In front of us stands a small, neat man, his hands, knees and feet precisely aligned. Michael Conway, dapper, trim, tanned, is the epitome of a dancing master. We are the epitome of those thirtysomethings who sway in an embarrassing shuffle-hop when the dinner-dance disco unexpectedly throws up a foxtrot.

Actually, my fellow ballroom dance novitiates frequent slightly grander occasions, such as balls and charity do's, which, as doctors, they claim are an unavoidable part of their profession. "We've been going to medical balls since we were students," Pam Stevenson explains, "but feel we've reached a time in our lives where we ought to be able to dance in a more constructive way." Her husband, Guy, is more prosaic: "We're sick of arguing on the dance floor."

> 'I can see the point of dancing now. You're not trying to do anything. It's completely aimless'

Four of us have had an acquaintance, of sorts, with formal ballroom-dance tuition. Mine was at school, and all I can remember is the teacher threatening to put newspaper between us if we didn't dance closer (we were all girls). Joe Pooley learnt at youth club (a revelation to his wife, Jane) 30 years ago. The Stevensons had two lessons three years ago and nearly divorced. Frank and Sue Stafford admit that they are only here because Dr Stevenson had booked the lesson and they felt obliged.

Mr Conway smiles tolerantly and tells us we've already achieved the hardest part. We look blank. "You're here. I've seen men come in sweating with fear." Mr Stafford, Mr Pooley and Dr Stevenson look uneasy. Dancing is nothing more than walking to music, Mr Conway assures us. "Rule number one: when you take a step, put your weight on it. Now, we'll start with the foxtrot. Gentlemen first, please."

We ladies stand and watch our partners trace an endlessly repeated pattern down the room. Left, right, side, together (forwards); left, right, side, together (backwards). It looks embarrassingly simple. But funny things happen. As they progress, the side-steps widen until all three look as though they are negotiating puddles. Smugly, we ladies keep it light and dainty.

Mr Conway allows us to hold one another. "Gentlemen, right hand under the arm-pit, you're not playing a tune on the spine. Ladies, left hand lightly on the shoulder. And please, ladies, look to the left." Four heads obediently swing to the left as though on parade inspection.

We set off. Rigidly. Mr Conway counts aloud. We silently move our lips. I experience memory failures over left and right. Graciously, Mr Conway (my partner) ignores it. We complete a length of the studio and childishly congratulate ourselves. "You're all walking wide." Mr Conway comments, a touch drily, and demonstrates a cowboy walk. We try again, with music. This time, as Max Bygraves croons "Dance in the Old-Fashioned Way", I crack my left knee against Mr Conway's. Shuffling, not walking, he murmurs.

We move on to the turn. "Rule number two: the turn is nothing to do with the feet. You turn with the shoulders. Gentlemen, keep the right hand firm, the lady will come round. And ladies," there is a desperate pleading in his voice, "please keep looking left." As we approach the first corner, the temptation to look right (to see where I'm going) is overwhelming. We all end up in a bunch, like a snarled traffic queue.

We try again. And again. By the end, I am word perfect on "Old Fashioned Way" and let Mr Conway take care of the corners. The Stevensons are doing well, even adding an insouciant swing with their clasped hands. Very fetching. The Pooleys are staring at their feet. The Staffords are staring straight ahead. They look not unlike those dancing couples that revolve around the top of old-fashioned music boxes.

Mr Conway considers that we have acquitted ourselves reasonably well and moves on to the quickstep. "The basic step is exactly the same, just quicker." Mr Pooley twitches nervously. "Gentlemen first. Face ten o'clock. Left, right, side and turn. You're now facing two o'clock." Mr Conway's feet patter out a neat herringbone pattern down the studio floor, the men following. Sort of. Dr Stevenson runs out of feet. Mr Stafford looks as though he's muttering his rosary. Mr Pooley comes to a complete standstill and stares at the floor as though looking for a contact lens.

I find it surprisingly easy and, as long as I do not think about my feet, the corners no longer alarm me. Soon Mr Conway and I are spinning around the floor to "Turkey in the Straw" by Brian Smith and his Happy Band. Foolishly, Mr Conway engages me in conversation. After we have sorted out our feet, I discover the only way I can talk is to do it in time to the music.

According to Mr Conway, anybody who can walk can learn to dance. Size, age, sense of rhythm are not important. A beginner's biggest fault is to slide the foot, which then acts as a brake as all the weight is thrown on the back of the foot. "And the other problem," he says with a world-weary sigh, "is the ladies will turn their heads. Once they turn, the spins twist and the men can't control them."

Downstairs in the ballroom (regency striped curtains, but still no glitter ball), a more advanced group of beginners is attempting the waltz "natural turn" to the strains of "Edelweiss". "If the man wants to go right, he must go forwards on the right," calls the instructor. Everybody manages the first two or three turns but the corners of the room disorientate a few. I am reminded of the dodgems.

Jemima and Ian Armstrong, on their third lesson, stop, realign themselves and gingerly set off again. Persuading her husband to come was a little like the Chinese water torture, Mrs Armstrong says. "A little bit here, a little bit there. But I was so fed up with having to sit out every dance but the waltz when we went away on holiday." Mr Armstrong, who, like his wife, is a staff training consultant, concedes it has been better than he expected and he has enjoyed learning dances "that require finesse and skill". They practise in the living room, standing next to each other until they are confident enough to hold hands. To their surprise, the tango is one of their better dances.

The real stars, however, are Bill Fennelly and Margaret Armistead, who glide around the floor wreathed in gentle smiles. Aged 63 and 61 respectively, both learnt in the heyday of the *palais de danse* halls, "when, if you wanted to socialise, you had to dance", says Mr Fennelly, wagging a finger. Both recently widowed, they met at a local tea-dance. "We want to get to an advanced level but feel we've got to get the basics right first — such as learning the correct shoulder line and keeping your heels off the floor," he says. "When you dance, you should rise and fall to get that lovely flow."

Mr Fennelly points out that the spin turn in a waltz is also excellent exercise for the foot. It recently came in handy when he was recovering from a twisted ankle sustained on one of his Wednesday afternoon Ramblers' Association walks. He practises with Mrs Armistead twice a week at home with Peggy Spencer videos, and they are aiming to take the tests for medals. "Our instructor has already told us we're bronze standard," they blush modestly.

It would be stretching credibility, even with the lights dimmed and the enhancement of a glitter ball, to say the doctors and I are potential medal material. Upstairs, there is still a lot of frowning, muttering and cursing. "You're all thinking too hard," says Mr Conway soothingly. As reward for our efforts, he teaches us a couple of rock'n'roll steps. As we rock and do a "throwaway" to Bobby Day's "Rocking Robin", everyone relaxes. Even Mr Stafford stops muttering.

And Mr Pooley, who, frankly, has looked a worried man throughout the evening, announces: "I can see the point of dancing now. You're not trying to do or produce anything." He beams. "It's completely aimless."

MICHAEL SCOTT

Footloose: Michael Conway instructs a class — "gentlemen, right hand under the arm-pit, you're not playing a tune on the spine"

Hot feet

● Helen Pickles joined a class at Newcastle Dance Centre, 36-38 Grainger Park Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 5RY (091-273 9987). Private half-hour lessons cost £6 for a single person or couple, £8 for three people, and £9 for two couples. Group classes cost £2.50 per person for one hour.

● There are almost 3,000 private dance schools in Britain. They range from part-time teachers hiring a local hall to purpose-built studios offering the full range of dance tuition, such as ballet and tap, as well as ballroom.

● For a list of recognised dance schools in your area, contact the British Council of Ballroom Dancing (BCBD), 87 Parkhurst Road, Holloway, London N7 0LP (071-609 1356), although the list is not comprehensive. Some local authorities run ballroom dance evening classes

All work and no play

Students' holiday jobs are no preparation for your first real thing

TIM BISHOP

Keying in to the future: Julia Llewellyn Smith, from college grant to salaried graft

I read in *The Sun* about a day in the life of its Page Three Girl of the Year, Sarah Jaffer, and her daily routine made me feel deeply nostalgic. She got up at about 8.30am and, after a leisurely breakfast, would spend a few hours deep-conditioning her hair. In the afternoon she might attend the opening of a new shop or go to a photographic shoot. In the evening she would sip a cocktail or two in a nightclub, where she would attract "many admiring glances". And she always remembered to take off her make-up before bed.

Take away the admiring glances and substitute a trip to the library for the photo shoot, and there was a close resemblance to my college days.

I forgot that breakfast was not quite so leisurely in the communal kitchen of my hall of residence, where the fridge was filled with ten pints of milk in varying stages of souring, and eggs with the owner's name pencilled on them. I forgot that my bathroom, which I shared with six rugby players, was not a place to spend hours deep-conditioning my hair; that those late nights were spent cobbling together an essay on Racine; how my term's grant cheque would not even cover the previous term's overdraft . . .

But there was one thing I did remember hating about student life: people telling me I was enjoying the happiest days of my life. They would usually say this five minutes after the cashpoint had swallowed up my card for lack of funds. I knew that the happiest days of my life were waiting for me in the workplace. A long list of holiday jobs had shown me the way forward.

My first had been in a gift shop, and no achievement, before or since, has matched my pride at mastering the cash till and gift-wrapping my first little parcel. I was having so much fun, and I was being paid for it in £5 notes. Moreover, nobody knew or cared about my views on metonymic patterns in Proust. This was being grown up, I decided, and I wanted more.

I graduated, I found a job as a journalist, and for the first three weeks I revelled in my new life, like a child playing in her Wendy house. In foreign lands, to mark the passage from childhood into adulthood, they dance naked in the moonlight and drink newts' blood. My personal graduation was a private ceremony. I discarded my jeans for shoulder-padded suits and dug out my one pair of tights without holes. I made my first visit to the dry-cleaners. I rang up my friends and told them I could not make it to the cinema, because I was working late.

A few cancelled dates and a few trips to the dry-cleaners later, I began to realise that this job was not like my previous ones. The difference was that now I could not go back to college after six weeks.

It was not that I did not enjoy my work, and with three million unemployed, I felt grateful to have it. But that did not stop the creeping horror at realising that this was it . . .

However high I might rise up the job ladder, the fact remained that for the rest of my life I would have to get up at a fixed time, make the same journey to the same place, where I would see the same people. I would leave at about the same time each night and after a few hours of freedom, I would go to bed, only to repeat the same routine in the morning. If I didn't like it, I could go straight to the back of the dole queue.

No wonder my unstructured college days appeared Sarah Jaffer-like. Subtle signs had already made me realise I was growing old. I would have a long conversation with a sophisticated person at a party, only to discover she was not even born when John, Peter and Lesley were presenting *Blue Peter*. I would realise that the ten-year-old child talking to his mother about "that lady" was referring to me. But now I understood that being old and being grown up were not the same thing at all.

Wearing shoulder pads did not make me grown up, nor did receiving my first friendly letter from the bank manager. You are grown up when your priorities change, and once you become part of the rat race, they inevitably will.

You grow up when you begin to put serious thought into whether it is better to visit Sainsbury's in the lunch hour or to go late-night shopping.

Weekends, which were once a time to dress up and go out, become a sacred 48 hours dedicated to slumping in front of the television in your oldest pair of jeans. You begin to study leaflets about pension plans with the same interest you once devoted to *New Musical Express*.

And when you start to tell your younger brother that his student days will be the happiest of his life, you know you are past redemption.

JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

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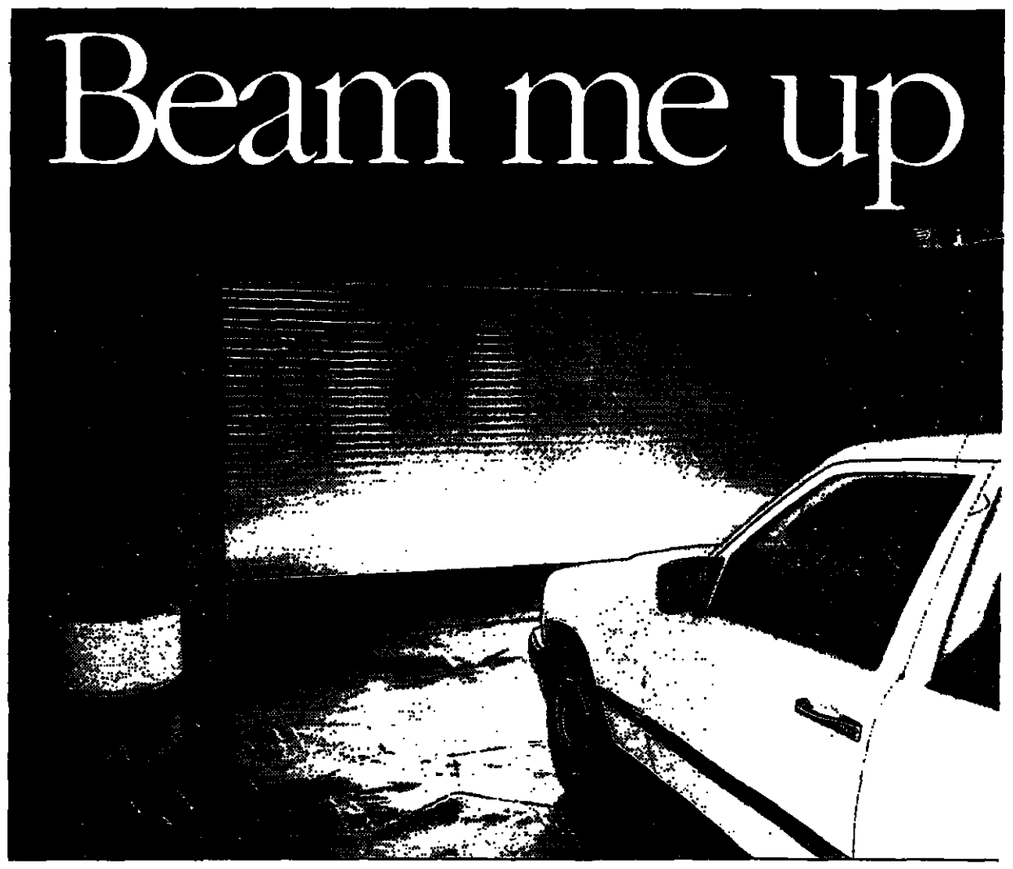

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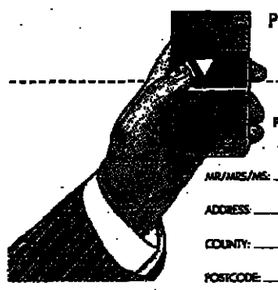

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Get stuck on a gum tree

Francesca Greenoak takes a fancy to eucalyptus trees

CHARLOTTE WINN

Bark with bite: Andrew McConnell and *E. perriniana*, one of the species of eucalypts that can withstand our harsh northern climate

Eucalypts are the most characteristic group of trees in the Australian landscape: food for koalas and grateful shade for the swagman (waltzing Matilda's coolabah is *Eucalyptus microtheca*). Homesick early settlers declared the best thing about them to be the resemblance of some species to the English oak but, in fact, eucalyptus is an extraordinarily diverse genus of almost 500 species, from small shrubs to some of the tallest trees in the world.

In Britain, we are familiar with the cider gum *Eucalyptus gunnii*, the only species to be found regularly in garden centres and grown in gardens, because it is fairly hardy and its attractive leaves are used in flower arranging. To ensure a plentiful supply, the trees need coppicing: cutting back the main stem in March or April to promote new, multiple stems, all with juvenile foliage.

I have grown this attractive and amenable species in a shallow, chalky soil (though the small-leaved gum *E. parvifolia* and the mountain gum *E. dalrympleana* have better records of success on strongly alkaline soils). Mine grew well, graduating from the juvenile foliage after three years and rising to about 13ft. This fast-growing species can put on 5ft or more in a year, but in colder districts, such as the edge of the Vale of Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire, where mine was growing, they will be cut back in cold winters. All the foliage and above-ground wood dies, so you saw it down to a ground-level stump, from which new coppice stems appear the following spring.

An enterprising nursery at Celyn Vale in Clwyd has taken on the task of converting us from our mono-species ignorance. Selecting tree stocks from sub-alpine and exposed cold regions in Australia, Andrew McConnell has successfully introduced a list of 40 or so eucalypts which can be grown out of doors.

There are several which also make excellent house and conservatory plants, including the lemon scented gum (*E. citriodora*), the black-peppermint (*E. nicholi*), which has weeping willow-like foliage, and the dark, glossy-leaved multi-stemmed *E. kybeanensis*.

Most complaints about eucalyptus derive from the way that the common cider gum outgrows its welcome (its 65ft-plus mature height is not a characteristic mentioned on labels).

Mr McConnell has compiled suitability tables, which guide the unwary out of such perils. For smaller gardens, he recommends the small-leaved gum *E. parvifolia* (its feathery foliage is highly sought after by flower-arrangers), or a coppiced Tasmanian snow gum (*E. coccifera*) or yellow gum (*E. subcrenulata*), all of which are fairly hardy. The hardiest eucalyptus of all, Jounama snow gum (*E. debeuzevillei*), which has withstood temperatures down to -23C, has a beautiful patterned bark, as has the slower-growing and almost equally hardy alpine snow gum, *E. niphophila*.

There is, it seems, a eucalyptus for every occasion, so diverse are its natural forms. Whether your garden is parched or waterlogged, infertile or swept with salt-laden winds, Mr McConnell will come up with a eucalyptus to suit, with pretty bark or foliage or both. Celyn Vale nursery is on a windblown hillside and visitors can see for themselves how the trees brave the weather.

Celyn Vale supplies small 14-18in trees, which have the best chances for transplantation and survival. They will thrive on most soils, but it is important to protect the trees from weed competition during establishment (for at least the first year or two).

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Summer colour: coreopsis

WEEKEND TIPS

● Plant shallots if the soil is workable: delay if you live in a cold region or are suffering a local cold spell.

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● Sow sweet peas in deep pots.

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The Harvard Club in Manhattan, which is well run and very comfortable. It has a good system — which I wish we had in London clubs — of signing chits, and then settling weekly, for meals and drinks, instead of paying cash.

Who would be your perfect companion?
My wife, Moira Shearer.

What essential piece of clothing or kit would you take?
A seersucker suit in summer and an overcoat and scarf in winter.

What would you have to eat?
Vichyssoise, Blue Point oysters, lobster tails with drawn butter, clam chowder and soft-shell crabs.

What would you have to drink?
Iced Finlandia vodka and white Almaden, a very good Californian wine.

Which books would you take to read?
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain and *The Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger — two American classics whose enjoyment will be enhanced by rereading them in America.

What would you watch on television?
The McNeil-Lehrer Hour, the best television current affairs programme in America. I used to work with Robert McNeil on *Panorama* in the 1960s.

What film would you watch?
Images with Susannah York, directed by Robert Altman. The spookiest film I ever saw.

Would you play any games or sport?
I am a great backgammon fiend. The main reason I stay at the Harvard Club is that there is always a game which you can join.

What luxury would you take?
A large tin of Beluga caviare.

What piece of art would you like to have there?
The Hon Mrs Graham by Gainsborough: a great beauty.

Which newspapers or journals would you read?
The New York Times, The New Yorker and *The New York Review of Books*.

Who would be your least welcome guests?
Saddam Hussein, Ross Perot and Baroness Thatcher.

What three things would you leave behind?
My typewriter, transistor radio and long johns. Even if it was winter in New York, I would leave behind my long johns: it is a different sort of cold in New York.

What three things would you most like to do?
1. Visit the Frick Collection, the finest small museum of classical pictures in the world. 2. See an opera or a ballet at the Lincoln Center. 3. Go to Carnegie Hall for a concert (preferably the fifth symphonies of Beethoven, Tchaikovsky or Mahler).

Who would you send a postcard to?
Our grandchildren, my secretary and our daily.

What souvenir would you bring home?
None. I can't thing of anything I could get in New York that I can't get in England.

What would you like to find when you got home?
That all women television weather forecasters, especially those on the BBC, had been granted early retirement. They look uncomfortable and make me uncomfortable watching them.

Interview by Rosanna Greenstreet

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Bring back the cane

With basket-weaving enjoying a welcome revival, Nicole Swengley suggests some attractive buys

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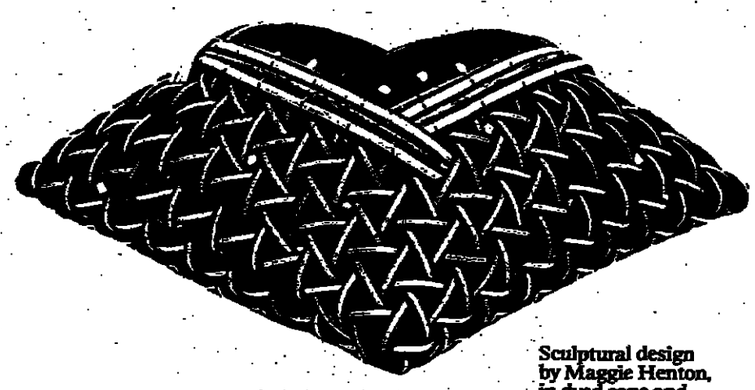
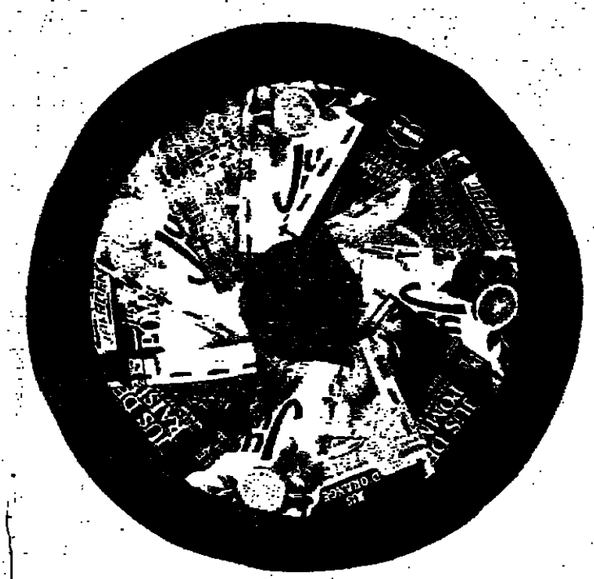
Basket weaving has recently enjoyed an upsurge of popularity at evening classes around the country. But anyone who prefers to buy rather than create will find plenty of styles in the shops, from traditional blackberry pickers to avant garde confections of recycled cardboard and packaging.

Chattels at 53 Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 (071-267 0877) offers an unusual range of traditional Suffolk-made designs, including herring swills, oyster tendles, duck nesters, eel traps, apple pickers and potato mollies. The Conran Shop, 81 Fulham Road, London SW3 (071-584 7401) is another good source of inspired designs.

Alternatively, basket weavers around the country make containers to order, often growing their own willow, and welcoming visitors to their workshops by appointment.



Sculptural design by Maggie Henton, in dyed cane and wire, £175 from the Crafts Council Shop, Victoria & Albert Museum, London SW7 (071-589 5070), or direct from Maggie Henton, 87 Davis Road, London W3 (081-749 7109).



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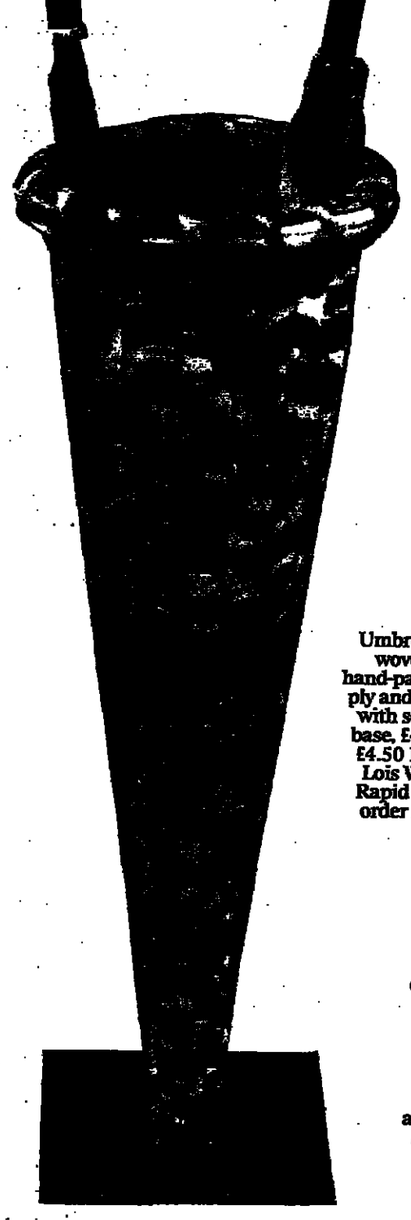

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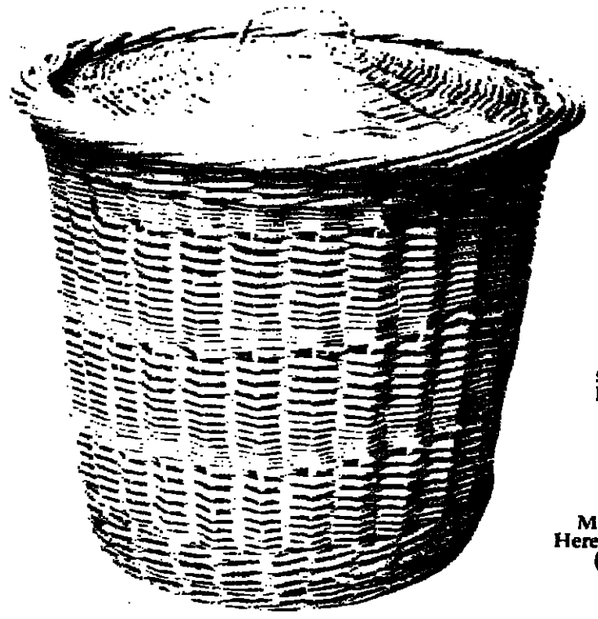

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Debs for all seasons

Some people may scoff, says Arabella Fitzmaurice, but the 1993 débutantes are smart, witty — and out to have fun

Until she is 16, "the English girl is rarely seen. Beribboned with pink bows, she may be produced as a sort of cabaret turn at the end of tea, but certainly she is never heard."

So wrote Sir Cecil Beaton in 1932 on the subject of the pre-débutante years of young upper-class English girls — an observation hardly applicable to today's 16-year-olds. Nonetheless, 61 years later, there is still a small section of society which continues to place a similar importance on the launching of its offspring into the social stratosphere, as its predecessors did.

Whether this is a simple case of nostalgically holding on to one of England's older traditions, or because people actually believe the social infrastructure of the country needs help, there is no getting away from the fact that, as Nancy Mitford once said, "the season, we know, belongs to the débutante".

The official meaning given to the word is a "usually wealthy woman making her *social début*". *Today it means* something quite different. Debs, as they are more frequently called, have a difficult enough job justifying their very existence. "In this day and age," explains Zoë Tryon, 18, daughter of dress designer Lady Tryon, "it is not a good label to have. People either assume you are so hard up for friends that you have to obtain them from lists, or that you are so stupid you need help in social conditioning."

Currently studying A levels at St Mary's, Calne, in Wiltshire, Miss Tryon is the first to admit that being a deb has given her many opportunities she might not have had otherwise, such as attending the International Débutante Ball *in New York and the Berkeley* Dress Show in London, and meeting people she would otherwise not have met. In practically every other respect, however, her lifestyle is the same as that of any other 18-year-old.

During her non-deb spare time, she is more often than not to be found among friends at the Big Easy, an eaterie in Fulham Road, west London, hanging out in pubs, and doing the occasional round of the clubs. Her clothes tend to be down to earth: leggings, trainers and sloppy sweaters. For evenings, however, she has *the advantage of being able to* wear her mother's designs, and since she is a perfect sample size 12, she doesn't even have to buy them.

"Of course I've met lots of 'suitable' people through being a deb, but I still get to choose my friends and I'm certainly not looking for a husband. The whole thing is much more about having a good time," she says.

Class of '54: two debs photographed in Green Park on the day of the Berkeley Dress Show

For Lady Lucinda Savile, 19, being a deb has given her sufficient exposure to find herself on the books of top model agency Laraine Ashton. "To start with," she concedes, "the *whole deb thing was about* getting your picture in the paper. It wasn't really my idea to become one, but my mother thought it was a good thing to do, and anyway my best friend Zia was going to do the season." After leaving Heathfield School at Ascot in Berkshire, before A levels, she did a stint at the Lucie Clayton Grooming and Modelling School in Kensington. It is from here that many young eligible girls, having been suitably "finished", find themselves likely contenders for the "list".

The call-up takes place each *year in early January in the* form of a letter from *Tatler* magazine's social consultant, Peter Townend. "I usually write to 50 per cent of the girls' mothers," he explains. "Usually they are people I know or have come into contact with. The other half approach me. When asked, I always say that anyone can be a deb, but I do stipulate that it's better to have friends who are doing it at the same time." Every year about 150 girls do the season.

Lady Lucinda's first deb engagement involved turning up to a drinks party knowing nobody. "Fortunately *I* expected as much, so I took along my old boyfriend. All the same, it was a pretty daunting experience," she says. For those less well prepared, the first social occasion of the season can be a nightmare of introductions, inhibitions and inane smiling. But Laura Farr, 19, who shares a flat with fellow deb Sophia Talbot Rice, says the initial awkwardness is soon overcome.

"It is really no different from any other social group: you find your friends among those you have most in common with and those who interest you — there is certainly nothing élitest about it," she says.

For Miss Talbot Rice, also 19 and educated at Tudor Hall School at Banbury in Oxfordshire, the reason for being a deb is to secure yourself a basic nucleus of friends in London — people you continue to see and bump into for the rest of your life, always sharing the common experience of having done the season together. That is not to say that it is just about networking; it is more a question of finding like-minded people to have fun with. She spends weekends riding in *Gloucestershire, and when she* is in London she often visits the Hollywood pub in Fulham, a popular hangout among debs.

She leads a relatively down-to-earth existence. "I am not particularly interested in clothes, I am certainly not interested in what other people are wearing, and I always try to look beyond appearances. OK, being a deb is about having fun, seeing your mates and making new ones, and of course we enjoy it, but the whole labelling business is quite tiresome to deal with," she says.

Jessica Milward finds that although much of her time is spent in the company of other debs, "it doesn't automatically make us all thick bimbos who talk about nothing but clothes and parties. We shouldn't therefore be treated like air-heads. Sure, we lead active and often public social lives, but that hardly warrants being considered naive about the rest of the world."

Over the years, the season's events have changed little. There are still the Chelsea Flower Show, Henley and Ascot, the Berkeley Dress Show, the whirlwind of summer balls, and the endless round of cocktail parties. What has changed is the kind of economic climate in which this industry is battling to survive. As Mr Townend says: "You cut your coat to match your cloth.

"Being a deb doesn't have to cost the earth. It's up to the parents to spend what they want to and what they can, though the minimum these days would be about £5,000. There is no obligation nowadays to give a party, and more *and more of those debs who do* are sharing them."

There will always be those who condemn the lifestyle of the débutante. There always have been. There will even be those who will say that being a deb doesn't have quite the cachet that it used to. This is not altogether surprising, since it is an institution that was introduced in the mid-18th century, during the reign of Queen Charlotte. Nonetheless, if these five girls are representative of 1990s debs, with their awareness, sensitivity and wit, why should they not be entitled to as much frivolity and fun as their parents can afford them?

ABOVE

Sophia (left)wears turquoise jeans, £35.99, Pepe (081-459 1277); purple chenille sweater, from a selection at Marion Foale, 14 Hide St, London W1; yellow tartan cap, £26, Boden (071-618 3230 for free catalogue); red suede loafers, £170, Gucci, 32-33 Old Bond St, London W. Jessica wears cerise velvet jeans, £65, Joseph, 77 Fulham Road, London SW3; blue denim jacket, £59, Benetton stores nationwide; tartan hat, £75, Herbert Johnson, 30 New Bond St London W1; hibiscus socks, £10, Boden (as above); Yellow suede loafers, £170, Gucci. Tartan blanket, from £45, from a selection at Hackett (137-138 Sloane St, London SW1). Tartan pillows, £30 each Boden (as above)

LEFT ABOVE

Jessica wears check button-down shirt, £36, Boden (as above); orange jeans, £35.99, Pepe (as above); grey velour hat, £75, Herbert Johnson (as above). Tartan blanket, from £45, from a selection at Hackett (as above). Silver cuff bracelets, from a selection at Gray's Antique Market, London W1.

LEFT

Laura (left) wears red sweater, £135, from a selection at Marion Foale (as above). Lucinda (centre) wears turquoise chenille jumper from a selection at Next. Zoe wears mustard sweater, from a selection at Marion Foale (as above).

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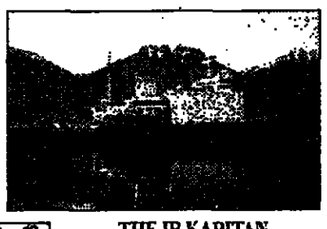

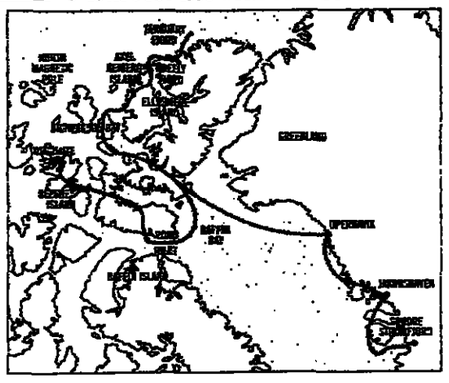

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In the bird world, all is movement: clouds of waders fly south, adult geese are in moult as their goslings learn to fly, and *the seabird cities of the coastal* cliffs shed tens of thousands of young guillemots and puffins. King eiders congregate in inshore flocks, while the hardiest of all Arctic residents – the beautiful Ross's and ivory gulls, gyrfalcons and sea eagles – fatten up on young birds or on the abundant fish in the rich Arctic waters.

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Take a breezy ride to cloud nine

Lucy Berrington catches the wind on a weekend paragliding course

As Icarus might have observed, if God did not want people to fly he would have given them roots. The latest flying machine is the self-launching paraglider, and you do not have to be 007 or suicidal to use it. Hanging below an elongated canopy composed of a series of open-ended cells that inflate on launching, all the pilot needs is a couple of control lines for steering and braking, and an intelligent interest in the weather forecast.

Paragliding by towed launch, sometimes described as parascending, has been around since the 1960s. The self-launching variant was a continental product, developed in the mid-1980s and imported to Britain several years ago. The sport already rivals hang gliding in numbers of devotees, and is taught in about 30 centres around the UK (as many again offer the towed launch).

British weather has called for some adaptations to the conventional techniques, and British pilots — more accustomed than their continental counterparts to imperfect weather conditions — are among the most skilful in the world. Last year Richard Carter, the national record holder, covered 87km in a single flight. Less committed but better known one-time pilots include Roy Castle and Philip Schofield, who have taken to the skies for promotional events. The Marquess of Granby is also said to be a fan.

Basic paragliding is easily learnt. Sussex College, boasting a teacher-student ratio of one to one, occupies various parts of the South Downs. I joined a group of first-timers on the introductory weekend course.

Lesson one began with the parachute landing fall, for emergency reference only. Paragliding pilots normally hit the ground at less than half the speed with which parachutists make contact, and usually manage to remain upright in the process.

After this reassuring start, students were assigned to their gliders. The canopies and lines are always unrolled and adjusted on the ground before take-off, and thoroughly inspected for tears, tangles and other abnormalities. Getting into the harness is a simple matter of sorting out a few straps, one around each thigh and another across the stomach, and the result is less uncomfortable than it sounds. Once kitted out, a pilot carries the glider between sites by coiling the lines on one arm and throwing the crumpled canopy over a shoulder.

At this point, we students sought out vacant bits of landing site for a session of ground-control exercises. These consist mainly of inflating the canopy by leaning back into the wind and hauling on the foremost lines, so that the canopy springs into the air, and postponing its collapse as long as possible. An upright glider is a wayward thing, prone to capsize when incompetently handled, and the absolute beginner handles the canopy with an instructor clasping the back of the harness and supplying advice.

Halfway through day one, we graduated to the lower slopes for some elementary flights. Taking off involves raising the canopy and running against the drag of the wind. Our initial attempts were more hops than flights, their height controlled by the trainers sprinting beneath us and gripping our ankles, lest the ambitious or careless beginner be tempted to disappear into the next county or the nearest tree. Within a few hours, of course, one yearns for the freedom to negotiate the hillside alone, undaunted by the obvious risks — mainly thistles and cowpats.

In these early stages, such hazards feature prominently in the worst of the likely scenarios. Without doubt, this would be botching the take-off and being hauled by a billowing canopy into the nearest ditch.

But the moments of being airborne — and the moments become minutes — compensate for every previous indignity, even for those who, like me, suffer such acute vertigo that the third rung of a stepladder presents a challenge. The most difficult thing for apprehensive types is learning to relax, instead of reacting instinctively to the heebie-jeebies. Clinging pale-faced to the control lines is understandable but only creates further problems. Paragliding, indeed, is a pacifist's dream: the more you fight the worse it gets.

Fortunately the students of any respectable instructor are unlikely to be given much opportunity for injury, and will be taught to regard the wind with the level of awe and respect that a fisherman gives to the sea.

Instruction can cost anything from £30 to £60 a day, depending on the facilities available — whether, for example, students meet in the classroom or the car-park. Just two to four days' tuition is enough to get beginners to the standard required to earn the student pilot rating.

One of the potential dangers of such a rapid achievement is a false sense of security, and for this reason some clubs offer free tuition to more advanced levels — although this might entail buying a glider through the club. It is, however, much more economical for keen pilots to buy than to rent: the hire of equipment can cost £50 a day, while decent second-hand gliders are available for £800 and new ones for twice that.

Such a training policy, meanwhile, prevents any naïve, unsupervised delinquents from floating blissfully away on their own and being picked up by a passing hurricane.

Teaching continues all the year round. Because of the variability of British weather, flying conditions on bright, wintry days might well be as good as, or better than those of a summer afternoon. Most instructors are so keen to ensure that their students achieve at least one decent flight in their first session that they will invite back those thwarted by bad weather.

Paragliding is open to anyone in reasonably good health. The conventional number of limbs is an asset, but one-armed, one-legged and even paralysed pilots can fly successfully under proper supervision. Every adventurous activity carries some risk but in this case the safety statistics are reassuring. Of nearly 200,000 flights made in 1991, fewer than 20 resulted in serious injury, and insurance companies do not regard paragliding with the disdain they hold some other sports in. Although the soft, batonless canopies have been known to fold in mid-air, most gliders, including all those issued to the inexperienced, will reflate within seconds. High flyers — the highest can reach cloudbase — go equipped with emergency parachutes.

The chief advantage of this type of glider is its weight and simplicity. At only 8lb and packed inside a rucksack, it is hardly a burden to the hillwalker. And there are few things more convenient, when halfway up a mountain and crippled by blisters, than taking a running jump off the edge and landing on the front lawn in time for the *Antiques Roadshow*.

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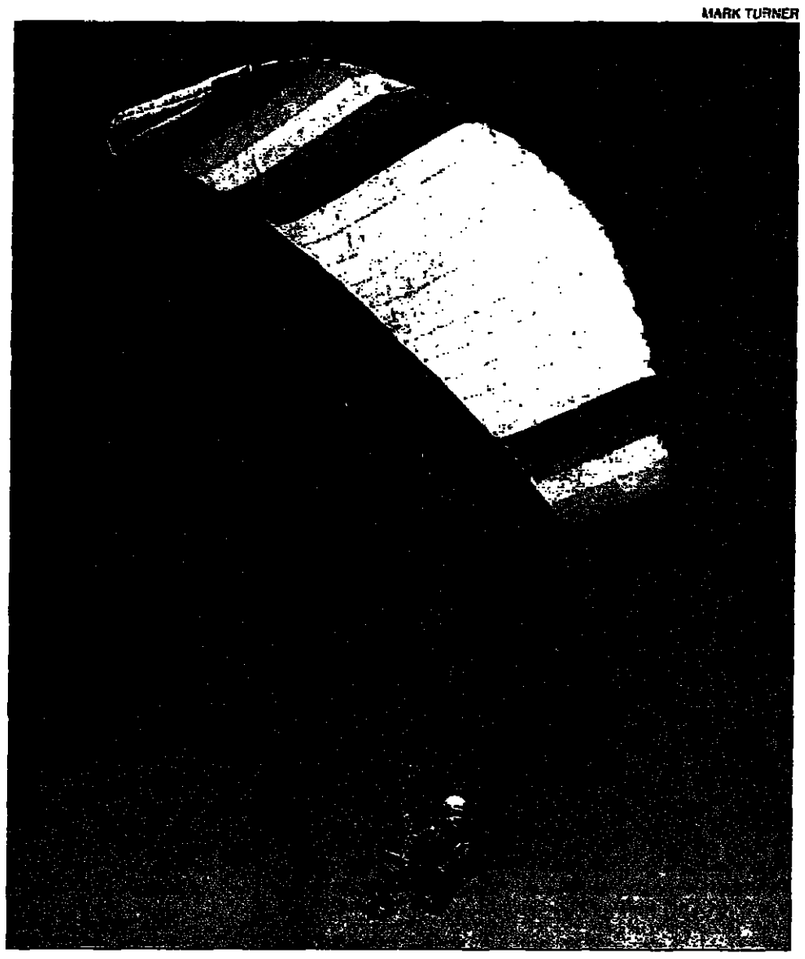

Sky high: the biggest risk is that the ambitious flyer will disappear into the next county

Steps to heaven

● **Clubs:** The weekend course was supplied by the Sussex College of Hang Gliding and Paragliding (0273 609925). The British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association offers an information pack including a full directory of registered British clubs, and a copy of its magazine, *Skywings*, for £3. Write to BHPA, The Old School Room, Loughborough Road, Leicester LE4 5PJ (0533 611322).

● **Books:** The best book on the subject is *Touching Cloudbase* by Ian Currer and Rob Cruickshank (Leading Edge, £7.99). If you cannot find that, try *The ABC of Paragliding* by Hubert Aupetit (Edition Retine, £9.99).

Cathedral town where Jules Verne came to rest

Robin Young visits Amiens, where medieval spirits live again for the tourists

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own has miraculous es. For a start, the is the greatest in the masterpiece of yle which determined Morris and Edward mes, when students, to hemselves to art and architecture. Morris later wrote: "I think I felt inclined to shout when I first entered Amiens cathedral: it is so free and vast and noble."

John Ruskin was so moved when he came that he wrote a guide-cum-essay, *Bible of Amiens*, praising the way the cathedral builders used sculpture to communicate their faith to an illiterate populace. The cathedral's west front is, indeed, a crowded grandstand of medieval statuary, peopled with a vivid hierarchy of kings, apostles, prophets and homely provincial saints.

The most famous statue, a soubrette gilded Virgin, youthful and smiling, with the Christ child perched jauntily on her hip, stands in a chapel surrounded by conservators' scaffolding beside an almost equally celebrated piece, a lachrymose cherub known as "the Weeping Angel".

There are plenty more figures to examine, particularly in the medieval polychrome sculptured groups presenting the lives of the local St Firmin and of St John the Baptist in the ambulatory aisles.

The *pièces de résistance*, though, are the choir stalls, carved prodigiously with 3,600 detailed figures enacting scenes from the Testaments and pursuing the local activities of their time.

After visiting the cathedral, a few flights of steps lead down to the Place du Don, site of the town's former harbour, where three of the city's best restaurants are conveniently grouped to suit all appetites and purses. La Soupe à Cailloux is for the young and modestly funded; Aux As du Don is for the moderately well-heeled and hungry; Les Marissons, in a converted boat-builders' workshop on an island between two of the nine streams of the Somme, serves the wealthy and fastidious.

The bridge to Les Marissons leads also to the picturesque Quartier St Leu, where the slums and ruins of what was once the velvet-making area have been renovated or replaced with gaily coloured, neatly gabled inexpensive housing. With its shops, bars, artisans' workshops and boutiques, St Leu makes a *bijou* contrast with, say, London's Docklands.

Along the Quai Belu and across the bridge at the Boulevard Beauville lies one of Amiens' greatest charms: *les hortillonnages*. They are market gardens reclaimed with the Somme's alluvial silt from former marshland, which still floods in winter and is traversed by a gridwork of narrow canals. One can view them strolling along the peaceful riverside Chemin de Halage, or take a boat trip around them from the *embarcadère* on Boulevard Beauville.

There, not far from the middle of town, you are likely to be welcomed in spring by a chorus of frogs, the sight of a water viper, or a view of a stalking heron. Most of the allotments have been converted to pleasure purposes now, and many of the garden sheds replaced with summer pavilions, but twice a year the market gardeners hold their traditional *marché sur l'eau*, when they sell their vegetables and flowers from the long punts used to navigate the canals rather than from their regular market stalls in the street. The next *marché sur l'eau* is on June 20.

No one will miss Amiens' thin and curious Tour Perret skyscraper, which is often mistaken for the cathedral campanile. For a long time it was the tallest building in post-war Europe.

A few streets away is the Musée de Picardie, frescoed by Puvis de Chavannes, who inspired Gauguin and Seurat, and containing fine paintings by, among others, Fragonard, Delacroix, Géricault and Fantin-Latour.

Local art and regional history are charmingly presented in a splendid Louis XIII mansion, the Hôtel de Berny, in rue Victor Hugo, and one can fill a day tracking down the works of the local sculptor Albert Roze. They include a sweet, naked statue symbolising *Printemps* (known as Marie sans Chemise) near the Place Gambetta; the Jules Verne monument showing Verne enthralling an audience of young readers; and Verne's bizarrely dramatic tomb, with a naked torso bursting from the sepulchre, in the bosky La Madeleine cemetery.

To the east are the wide and tragic battlefields of the Somme. To the west is Samara, an important Roman *oppidum* which has become the centre of France's first archaeological theme park. And to the north, most curious of all, is the subterranean city of Naours, a network of underground caves where from the 3rd century onward locals would hide to escape raids and invasions. During the thirty years' war, the caves could shelter 2,000 people, and the complex included chapels, stables, stores and a bakery. They were used by British troops in the first world war. Germans in the second, and make an appropriately weird conclusion to a voyage of discovery round Jules Verne's home town.

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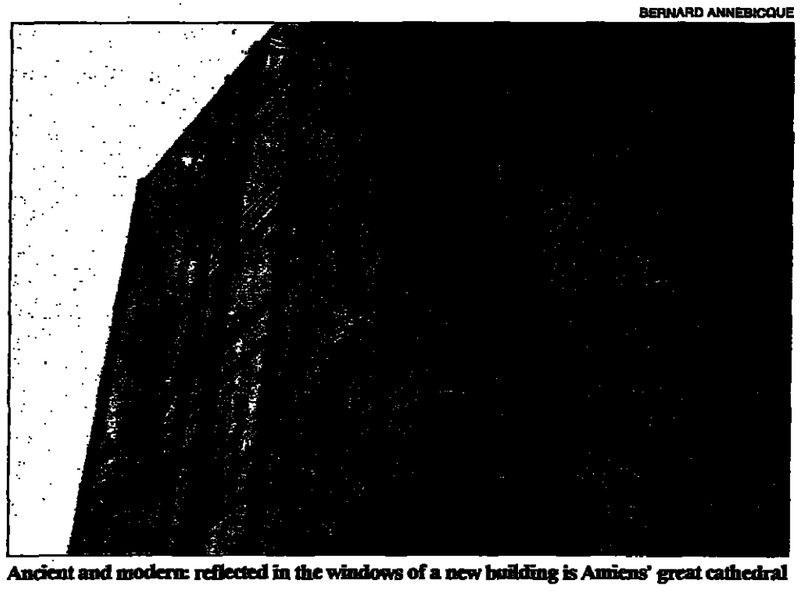

Ancient and modern: reflected in the windows of a new building is Amiens' great cathedral

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● **Other places to stay or eat:** *Hôtel Postillon, 16 place au Feurre, 010 33 22 91 46 17. La Soupe à Cailloux, 16 rue des Bondes, 0010 33 22 91 92 70. Aux As du Don, 1-3 place du Don, 010 33 22 92 41 65. Les Marissons, 68 rue des Marissons, 010 33 22 92 96 66.*

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Little chefs bring in the dough

Jane Bidder visits a cordon bleu cookery school for children where parents pay £210 for a course of ten lessons

The menu — *velouté de champignons aux petites racines roses*, followed by *feuilletés au jambon et fromage* — was worthy of a grand restaurant. In fact, it was the morning's work for trainee chefs aged from seven at the Cordon Bleu Cookery School, London, which has just launched a Saturday workshop course called "Les Petits Cordon Bleus".

At £210 for a ten-week course (or £105 for five weeks), many parents might choke at such an outlay, even if their child were to learn to whip up *papillons d'avocat aux langoustines*. Not so the parents of the stream of children who clambered out of cars from around London and the home counties.

There to greet them at the school in Marylebone Lane was chef Michel Perraud, holder of the title *Meilleur Ouvrier de Grande Bretagne*, meaning "Best workman in Britain", awarded by the Académie Culinaire de France.

"The English don't take cooking seriously enough," says M Perraud, whose children, aged seven and five, can make a mean croissant. "In France, children start early. It's like a language: the sooner you begin, the faster you learn."

For the two-hour lesson, his class of eight children aged seven to 12, and a parallel class aged 11 to 14, were kitted out in Cordon Bleu School pinnies and hats (price £12) flown in from Paris.

As the children were led upstairs to two huge kitchens, Debbie Barton, a former bond dealer who has just completed a Cordon Bleu course, said: "It's an investment for the future. It will broaden horizons for my seven-year-old daughter Hannah. Science lessons deal with carbohydrates and proteins. This is a practical way of understanding the value of food. Parents aren't necessarily great teachers; a child is more likely to listen to a professional."

This is true, as any parent grappling with the Sunday roast and a small child who wants to make the gravy will verify. Indeed, today's child is more likely to recognise the ping of a microwave than that of an oven timer.

Nine-year-old Robert Kidd's parents, Judith and Tim, want him to "do something to a high standard". Can his father cook? "I'm quite good, actually," said Mr Kidd, who works for a training and enterprise council. "I cooked the goose on Christmas day." "Yeah," Robert said, "but you burn toast."

Will the lessons sink in? Will a child really remember how to cook when the course has ended? Amy Carroll, who publishes cookbooks but says she can't cook, hopes so.

> Russell was there 'to keep mum quiet . . . I'd rather be playing football'

Her eight-year-old daughter Zoe can just about remember last week's pastry lesson: "You mix some flour and butter to make a sort of eggy mixture . . ." Zoe started to recite. To jog the memory there are the hand-out recipes.

The Cordon Bleu school discovered the market for children' cooking when its Paris school opened its classes to youngsters four years ago. Such was its success — there's a year-long waiting list — that when a London version was first rumoured, parents put their children on the waiting list before a starting date was fixed. The first course started in January, and bookings are already being taken for the next one, in April.

Upstairs, the children (including my six-year-old daughter Lucy) sat at a huge marble-topped table flanked by cooking equipment. Some were perched on wicker laundry baskets to raise them to table height. Three 6ft-high cookers awaited their attention.

An assistant and *plongeur* (washer-up) stood by as M Perraud demystified *velouté de champignons*, mushroom soup with carrot balls.

"First you chop up the onions; very small, like this," he said. An 18in knife was passed around for each child to hold. The assistant, Deon Foster, who has two children, did the dangerous bit, while allowing each trainee to take the credit.

"Never do this alone at home," M Perraud warned. Within seconds, the whole class was in tears, not because of the discipline, but the onions. A copious Gallic handkerchief was passed around until the arrival of a set of digital scales averted attention.

"Now cut 40 grammes of butter," the chef instructed. It was a good lesson in metric measurements. Each child put his or her onions and butter into a stainless steel bowl together with 100ml of water, which the children measured out. *Hannah was confused.* "*Do I need* to weigh this?" she asked.

Then M Perraud was off again: "Now we are going to sweat the onion and butter. Do you know what sweat means? It is cooking on a low heat, like this." Everyone poured their offerings into two communal saucepans, which Hannah and Gillian, with the chef's help, placed on the hob.

"Now we are going to weigh the mushrooms," he said, as Mrs Foster brought in a huge bowl of ready-sliced ingredients. "One of you," Mr Perraud said, pointing to 11-year-old Clemency Jacques, "can come with me and put all this in the pan." The class watched, impressed, with the exception of Hannah and Gillian, who began pirouetting on the laundry basket. "None of that," M Perraud admonished.

"Now for two litres of chicken stock," he said. Despite her claimed skill with metric measures, Clemency added a mere two grammes of liquid. So far the chicken stock looked like dishwater.

The carrot balls proved easier. Clemency learnt to scrape towards her to remove the skin in one strip, and then dig out small balls with a gouge. "We haven't got one of these at home," said 12-year-old John Whall, who is not at all embarrassed to be here with the girls. "But I'm going to make my mum buy one. She suggested I enrolled because my dad can't cook."

MARTIN BEDDALL

Guiding hand: Michel Perraud with carrot-peeler Gillian Diesen, aged eight, and Hannah Barton, seven

The "dishwater" smelled good, and while it was achieving its maximum potential on the hob, the children moved on to the *feuilletés au jambon et fromage* (ham and cheese in a puff pastry case).

Rather disappointingly, the pastry came ready-made (the art of pastry-making comes later), and sections were placed in front of each trainee, who banged it with a rolling-pin before rolling out and cutting it into oval shapes. Carnivores cut out a smaller oval of ham and cheese while vegetarians inserted tomatoes between pastry layers. "Makes it look pregnant," Clemency whispered mischievously.

"Who can remember what egg wash is?" M Perraud asked. "Egg white?" Gillian ventured. In fact, it's egg yolk plus a dash of water. Each child, tongue emerging in concentration, separated the yolks and whites into a communal bowl which was passed around, along with a pastry brush. "Allez, allez," M Perraud urged. "It's nearly time to finish."

Each tray was popped into an oven while the mushroom soup was poured into Tupperware containers to take home. There was not enough to go round, until Hannah was discovered to have two boxes.

Gasps of delight could be heard as the *feuilletés* rose impressively on the other side of the glass oven doors. Ten-year-old Dorothy Harris, from Bedfordshire, looked well satisfied.

Downstairs, in the teenage class, the menu was the same but the atmosphere was more serious. Sarah Leigh, aged 12, wants to learn to cook so that she can help her mother, who is disabled. Russell Williams, aged 14, was there reluctantly, "to keep mum quiet . . . I'd rather be playing football", he said. The group's chef, Shaun Watling, confessed he felt the same at that age, adding: "But look what I'm doing now."

Later, both classes filed down to reception, where a group of proud parents awaited their dish of the day. Lucy and I travelled home to Buckinghamshire, with the tantalising smell of Cordon Bleu cooking filling the railway carriage. "Oh no," she said later as we polished off the last delicious morsel. "I forgot to wash my hands before rolling out the pastry . . ."

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ADRIAN BROOKS

A welcome in the hillside: George and Joan White outside one of the converted cottages on their farm, with modern kitchen, lounge/dining room and three bedrooms

Green peace in the valley

Making your home generate income is something that recession-weary homeowners are taking to heart. But lodgers have their disadvantages, and homeowners may resent a semi-permanent intrusion into a private oasis, even if the building society appreciates their help with the mortgage. In contrast, weekly or weekend visitors can prove delightful — and short-lived — company, and help to repay debts.

When George White was made redundant from his job as a printer with *Radio Times* in 1984, he and his wife, Joan, decided to move from Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, to South Wales. "It was the scene of our courting days, and we always felt an affinity with the area," he explains.

"We'd had many a happy touring holiday there and wanted to run a caravan site in that corner of Wales. We found what we were looking for, but couldn't sell our London home quickly enough and were beaten by another buyer. So we scoured the local papers and decided to buy a run-down farm, do it up and offer bed and breakfast instead."

Nanternis Farm, a couple of miles from New Quay's picturesque harbour on Cardigan Bay, Dyfed, was for sale at £60,000, with planning consent to convert two farm outbuildings. Having sold their London home for £70,000, the Whites purchased the farm for £55,000 and used the difference to fund the refurbishment of the main farmhouse and convert the other properties.

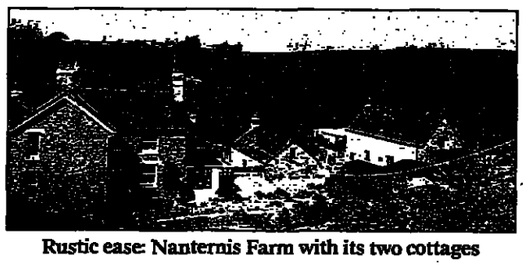
The farmhouse dates from 1912 and had become dingy and neglected. Although no structural work was needed, Mr White decorated the rooms and added extra cupboards and wardrobes to create two rooms for letting — a double room and a family room, with double and single beds and space for a cot. Both rooms are fitted with washbasins and have the shared use of a lavatory and bathroom on the same floor. The Whites have two more bedrooms and a bathroom for their own use.

A separate guests' dining room and comfortable lounge with log fire and colour television meant that the Wales Tourist Board's incognito inspection team gave the farmhouse a "commended" award, and two crowns out of five for the facilities, during the most recent annual inspection.

The Whites decided to offer their guests home-grown vegetables and home-cooked breakfasts and dinners. "It meant more work, but we wanted to do it properly and not have vegetables delivered and food microwaved," Mr White says.

One of the buildings, a typical Welsh cottage dating from the 17th century, was in such a sorry state that it needed to be taken down almost to the ground and rebuilt. Mr White says: "The original thatched cottage had small windows and doorways and was built on sloping ground to allow natural drainage for the family cow or horse, which lived under the same roof as the family but at the lower end.

"An outside door at the higher end gave access to the upper floor, which was also the roof space and was used by the inhabitants as a bedroom. Because the roof timbers were chest high, they had to duck under them to crawl into bed."



Rustic ease: Nanternis Farm with its two cottages

Mr White offered the cottage as a typical example of the traditional Welsh farmhouse to the Welsh Folk Museum, to be removed, stone by stone, to their museum site at St Fagans, South Glamorgan. But the museum had a similar one and declined the offer.

Although local labourers helped with the stonework and roof, Mr White tackled most of the interior work himself, including the plumbing and electrics. Locally quarried stone was used on the exterior, and Welsh slates for the roof. Now the cottage has a modern kitchen, a lounge/dining room with a wood-burning stove and french doors to a paved patio and garden. There are three bedrooms, a bathroom and separate lavatory with handbasin. One bedroom has a single bed or full-size bunks, another has twin beds, and the third has a double bed. Both the larger bedrooms have room for an additional single bed.

The work took two years, and it was two more before the Whites completed the conversion of their stable to the same high standards as the cottage, with a fitted kitchen, conservatory dining area, two bedrooms (one double and one single), shower room and lavatory. The work involved lowering the floor, raising the Welsh slate roof and using old roof timbers as lintels over the doors and windows. The slightly crooked stone walls were retained but the interior was modernised to a standard which won the maximum five-dragon award from the Wales Tourist Board.

Mr White estimates that the cottages cost around £16,000 each to convert and furnish, although it would have cost at least twice as much to employ a company to do the work.

Now that Mr White is nearing 65, he wants to sell the complex in order to move east and be nearer his children and grandchildren. Nanternis Farm has been on the market since last year and the price has now been reduced by £40,000 to £210,000. "The buyer has got be to be someone who wants to live here and who likes this kind of life," he says.

He points out that Nanternis Farm is more likely to appeal to a couple or a professional person who wants to do his own work from home and gain additional income from the bed and breakfasts and holiday lettings. "There's not enough income from the business to support a family and mortgage. Nor is there enough room in the farmhouse for lots of children as well as bed and breakfast guests."

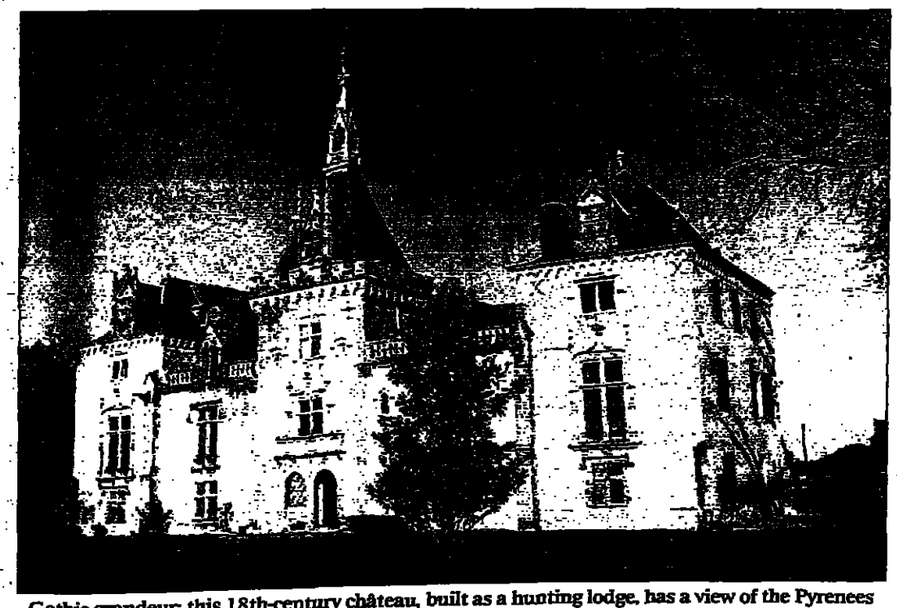
Mr White expects all the rooms to be booked solid during the holiday season, which runs from June to the end of August, with additional bookings at Whitsun, Easter and school half-terms. "We've found that 21 weeks of bookings is quite healthy and anything above that is a bonus."

Gross income from the self-catering cottages ranges between £10,000 and £12,000 annually, while the bed and breakfasts account for between £200 and £300 a week during the season. "If you're offering dinner as well as breakfast, you could expect to gross about £7,000 a year from the bed and breakfast visitors," he says.

So what are the drawbacks of running a holiday complex like Nanternis Farm? "You have to get up early," Mr White says. "And you need to be quite energetic if you are going to keep animals and grow your own vegetables. You've got to be happy doing a lot of cooking, and, of course, you are a slave to the telephone. Although we have an answering machine, we feel it's important to answer the phone in person, since any lost calls could mean a lost booking.

"We've never had any bother with our guests except for one Australian chap who did daft things, such as running a blow heater all day to dry his washing in summer. Lots of our visitors return and have become friends. We've had people from America, Canada, Australia, France and Germany, as well as visitors from all parts of Britain, and bookings are already looking good for this year. We've had a lot of fun with the business, and were it not for our age, we would have no reason to move."

● *For further details about the sale of Nanternis Farm, contact George White (0545 560181).*



Gothic grandeur: this 18th-century château, built as a hunting lodge, has a view of the Pyrenees

Hot springs, ski slopes and undiscovered peaks

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The Pyrenees, wet and fertile in the west, rocky and snowy in the middle and dry and sunny in the east, are beautiful, varied and far less developed than the Alps. Property prices are also a lot cheaper.

The central Pyrenean region, known as the Hautes-Pyrénées, is superb walkers' country, with its snowy peaks, tumbling mountain streams, forests and flowers.

There are a number of elegant old spa towns, such as Cauterets and Bagnères de Bigorre, and some unspoilt mountain villages. The administrative capital is Tarbes, but far and away the most popular tourist centre is Lourdes, visited by four million pilgrims every year.

There is good winter skiing, both downhill and cross-country, at Superbagnères (between 1,800 and 2,100 metres), with lifts from Bagnères-de-Luchon, le Mourtis, Nistos, St Lary and on to the Spanish side of the border. For the summer there are golf, tennis, riding, climbing and fishing.

Despite its many attractions, the area remains largely undiscovered by British property buyers, and prices are low. Older properties in need of renovation offer the best value here. Prices start at FFr250,000 (about £28,500) for a habitable two-bedroom cottage, with a small garden.

A restored house in a small mountain village, close to the ski-slopes, about an hour's drive from Tarbes, with three bedrooms, two reception rooms, kitchen and bath, is currently on offer at FFr339,000 (about £39,000), including agency fees, through The French Property Shop, Wadhurst Road, Mark Cross, East Sussex (0892 852449).

The same agent is asking FFr371,000 (about £42,500) for a newly-built detached chalet, with one bedroom, garage and garden, situated in a small hamlet in the foothills of the Pyrenees, near the village of Barbazan.

A new development under construction in the valley of Barousse, half an hour from the ski slopes at Superbagnères, includes a range of chalets and apartments, priced from FFr150,000 (about £17,000) for a studio to FFr350,000 (about £40,000) for a two-bedroom chalet. Details from The French Property Shop (as above).

The Pyrenees region is easily accessible, with Bordeaux, Toulouse, Spain and the Mediterranean coast within a couple of hours' drive. The Hautes-Pyrénées is best reached via the airport at Tarbes (with year-round scheduled flights from Gatwick). The international airport at Toulouse is about two hours' drive away.

● *A French property exhibition is being held this weekend at the Novotel, 1 Shortlands Road, Hammersmith, London W6. Saturday 10.30am-7pm; Sunday 10.30am-5pm. Admission free.*

Buyer's France

HAUTES-PYRENEES

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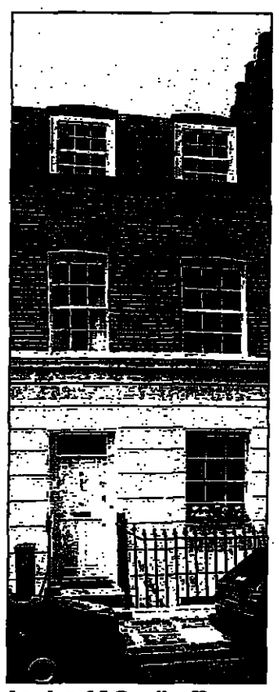
From a house in Belgravia to a 16th-century castle in Scotland, **Cheryl Taylor** on handsome homes for the well heeled



London: 15 Caroline Terrace, Belgravia, SW1. Period house with paved rear garden, a few minutes' walk from Sloane Square and Knightsbridge. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms (one en suite), drawing room, dining room, fitted kitchen, three storage vaults. About £325,000 for a 42-year lease (John D. Wood, 071-408 0055).

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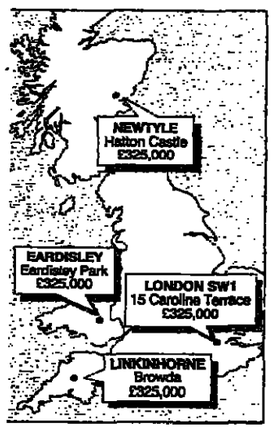
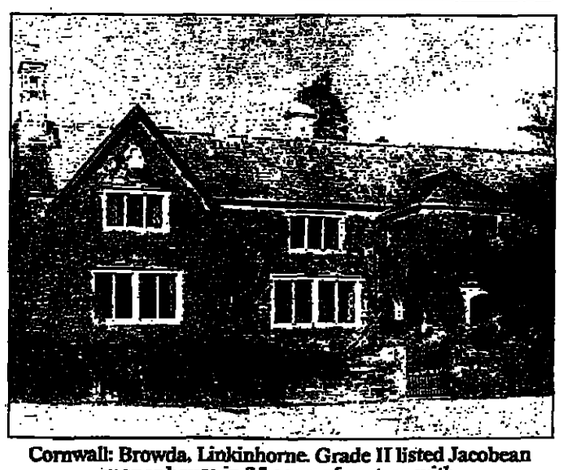
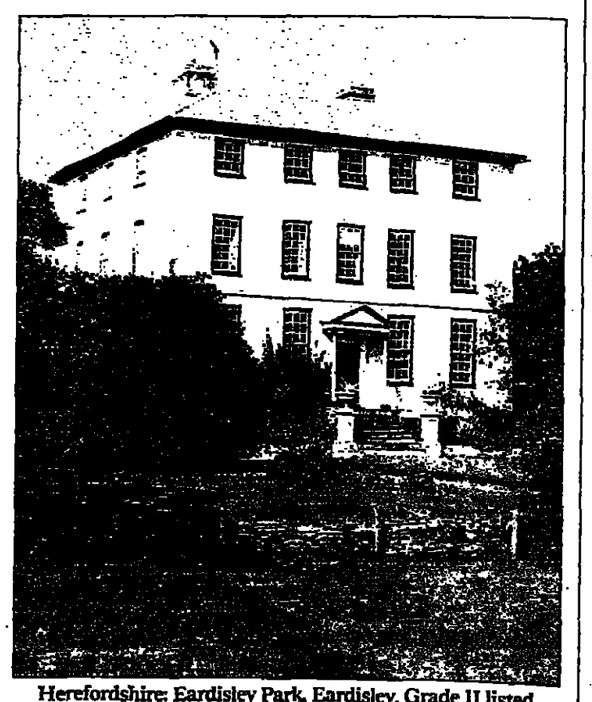




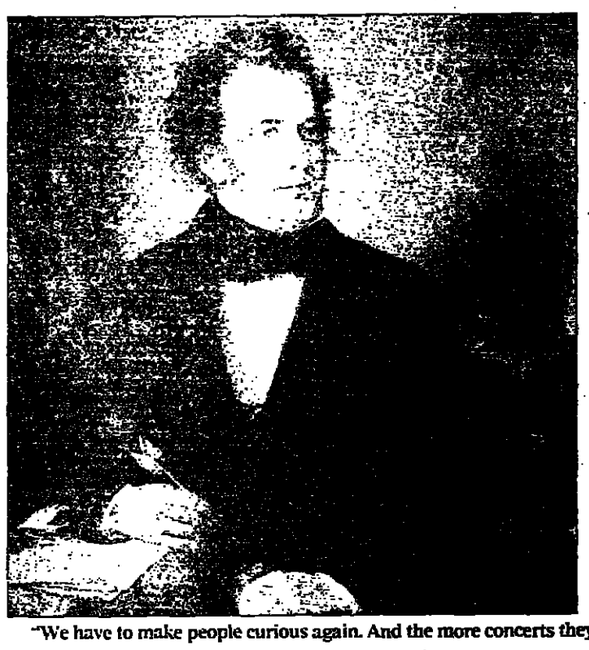
Cornwall: Browda, Linkinhorne. Grade II listed Jacobean manor house in 25 acres of pasture with two lakes and woodland. Six bedrooms, bathroom, drawing room, dining room, study, kitchen, cloakroom/shower-room. Annexe with three bedrooms. Farm buildings with planning permission for six residential units. About £325,000 (Knight Frank & Rutley, 0392 433033).



Herefordshire: Eardisley Park, Eardisley. Grade II listed Georgian house in 9½ acres of garden, pasture, paddocks and orchards. Five bedrooms, two bathrooms, four reception rooms, modernised fitted kitchen, cloakroom, offices, three attic rooms and cellars. Stables and outbuildings. About £325,000 (Knight Frank & Rutley, 0432 273087).

Franz on Franz: the Schubert connection

The London Philharmonic is to go boldly where few have been before, into the backwaters of a mainstream genius's work. Hilary Finch reports



"We have to make people curious again. And the more concerts they come to, the more they will be aware of the connections": Franz Welser-Möst counts Franz Schubert in

Franz Welser-Möst has Vienna on his mind. Perhaps all the high politics and low intrigues involved in life with the London Philharmonic on the South Bank have made him just a little homesick. *Frankenstein*, no less — H.K. Gruber's "pandemonium" for orchestra and voices — arrives at the heart of a series he has devised for April and May, called "Alternative Vienna", in which the LPO will flex its muscles by juxtaposing Mahler with music by Kurt Schwertsik and Gruber.

So what exactly are these anarchists of contemporary Viennese musical life an alternative to? The answer, in this case, is Schubert. From February until early June, the South Bank Centre, in London, will present its first collaboration with the LPO and Welser-Möst: a Schubert series which bounces rare pieces of chamber music off the surface of infrequently performed choral and orchestral works. The core idea came from Sir William Glock, controller of music at the BBC from 1959 to 1972, and the energetic programmer on the South Bank's board.

With Graham Sheffield, director of music projects at the South Bank, he has put together a concert series linking music-making in the Queen Elizabeth and Festival Halls, and focusing on specific genres of the composer's music. At the QEH, for instance, an evening of piano trios on February 21 will be complemented by one which juxtaposes string quartets with some rarely heard partsongs (February 9).

Across the wind-blasted concrete at the Festival Hall, meanwhile, choral rarities by Schubert will be offered next Tuesday, and Mahler's orchestra arrangement of Schubert's own *Liebestod*, the "Death and the Maiden" quartet, will take its place in a programme (March 30) of Wagnerian and Straussian apotheoses.

Is this really a festival, though? With the Mahler arrangement two long months away from its string quartet original, and with an evening of piano duets separated from Joachim's orchestral arrangement of Schubert's *Grand Duo* by seven weeks, what sort of connections can the series make, what sort of momentum can it hope to generate?

Welser-Möst prefers to see the series "in terms of a set of impulses. Audiences can follow up the pieces which have interested them — or else come back for more. We have to make people curious again. And the more concerts they come to, the more they will be aware of the connections."

One such "impulse" is Tuesday's programme of small, rarely heard choral works by Schubert, such as the "Auguste jam Coelestium", and "Totus in Corde". Welser-Möst has a particular interest in this programme, not least because he feels it will "help our chorus improve: they have had some problems, after all".

It would not, perhaps, have been fair to remind Welser-Möst that some of those problems could have been caused by the dismissal of a chorus master who had made the London Philharmonic Choir one of the best of the land.

Had he thought of bringing to light the powerful, but unfinished, oratorio *Lazarus*, as part of this programme? He had, but rejected the idea in favour of more accessible works.

And if, as Sheffield and Nicholas Snowman, the general director of the South Bank, declare, it is the South Bank's policy to present the music of mainstream composers, "in a user-friendly but unusual way", what about staging — or even semi-staging — some of Schubert's many rarely performed examples of *singspiel*? The QEH's space would surely be just the thing.

"Well, we did *Fierrebras* a few years ago," Snowman says. "That was great fun: silly piece, but lovely music." But what about now? "Well, *singspiel* and opera were on the cards at one stage. But it didn't come off. Logistically, we couldn't do it."

One positive impulse, it seems, will be the effect that so much Schubert will have on the LPO. "The orchestra", Welser-Möst says, "has been lacking any Viennese classics in its repertoire for some time. They've played hardly any Haydn, Mozart or Schubert. It might even improve their Mahler."

Turning to the chamber music, Glock's sampler pack of string quartets, partsongs, Lieder, piano trios, piano sonatas and duets will certainly, in itself, raise some interesting questions for those who wish to ask them.

Was Schubert really writing in the shadow of Beethoven — or was he the sun? Were Schubert's partsong settings with accompaniment for chamber ensemble the first stirrings of a new art form? Does the little carrier-pigeon song which Robert Holl gets out of the way at the start of his February 19 programme of Schubert's last, dark songs, contain a deeper mystery than all the rest of them put together?

Sheffield and Snowman admit that this first venture between arts centre and orchestra is a learning process. "We hope we'll get better and better," Sheffield says. "But it's really exciting, you know. I can't stress that enough."

● *Franz Welser-Möst conducts the London Philharmonic Choir in an evening of Schubert's choral works on Tuesday at the Festival Hall (071-928 8800). The chamber music series begins on Thursday at the Queen Elizabeth Hall.*

Metal machine music

The sound of the apocalypse is here, and with a stomach-churning video to match. It's called industrial

KEVIN WESTENBERG

Eminence grease: Al Jourgensen rocks out on air guitar

Now that punk is nothing more than picture postcard nostalgia and even grunge has become a mainstream fashion statement, the latest and most radical musical force about to emerge from the rock underground is called industrial. Combining the harshest aspects of hardcore, metal and techno/dance music with a visual aesthetic derived from the grossest of splatter movies, industrial rock is not for the faint-hearted.

At London clubs like Slimelight at the Angel, Islington and Club Chain at the Underworld in Camden, the music of groups such as Murder Inc, Front Line Assembly, My Life With The Thrill Kill Kult and Sheep On Drugs is pumped out at mega-watt volume, while a collage of rapidly spliced moving images ("scratch videos"), taken from action movies and medical videos of autopsies, is projected on to the walls and ceiling.

The fashions are dominated by black leather, PVC and rubber. Tattoos are de rigueur and face and body piercing are commonplace. Undertones of fetishism and sado-masochism are never far from the surface, which is probably not surprising given the overwhelmingly dark and visceral nature of the music.

The best-known of the industrial acts are the American groups Ministry and Nine Inch Nails. NIN, whose leader Trent Reznor lives and records in the house where Sharon Tate was murdered, had a Top 20 album last year with *Broken* (and its remixed companion *Fixed*).

Ministry, who also enjoyed chart honours with their album *Psalm 69*, played at Brixton Academy last November, a bombshell aural assault illustrated by back projections which incorporated, during one number ("Stigmata"), some memorably unpleasant footage of an eye operation.

Although a surprising number of industrial acts cite the original heavy metal warhorse Black Sabbath as a formative influence, the origins of industrial music probably lie in the experimental work of the performance art ensemble Throbbing Gristle. Convened in 1975 and led by Genesis P. Orridge, their record label was called Industrial, and they started the vogue for cutting up music and images in multimedia shows. A prophet without much honour at the time, Orridge's work was frequently branded as either ridiculous or obscene (or both).

In America, the key figure of the industrial revolution was, and still is, Al Jourgensen, the founder member and mainstay of Ministry. He has also been the head and heart of an overlapping network of highly influential acts including the Revolting Cocks, 1,000 Homo DJs, PCP, Pailhead, Acid Horse and Lard.

Apart from the recent chart successes of individual acts, one sign that the industrial scene may be about to go "overground" is the release of a compilation album called *Hot Wired Monstertrux* (ON/eastwest 9548 31811). Intended to serve as a sort of industrial primer, it features tracks by NIN ("Wish"), Ministry ("Jesus Built My Hotrod", an example of industrial's much-vaunted black sense of humour), Consolidated ("Tool And Die", the industrial/rap connection), Excessive Force ("Finger On The Trigger"), and is a faithful snapshot of the more accessible end of the current industrial spectrum.

Last week an estimated 1,100 people turned up to a special edition of Club Chain held to celebrate the launch of the *Monstertrux* album. The evening was conceived and organised by a DJ called Billy Chainsaw, who as well as playing in his own band Black Pig, has been putting on these events since 1990.

"I treat the Club Chain nights like a performance," he says. "I don't want to be playing records with a few flashing lights. I want to create a mood that is apocalyptic. I want people who come to be sucked into the images. Of course they come by choice, but once they're in I don't want them to be able to escape.

"Yes, it is extreme entertainment. But the world is a very violent place. A lot of what I use is from newsreel footage and documentaries, especially nature documentaries, sharks and things. It's all there in our natural environment."

DAVID SINCLAIR

● *Hot Wired Monstertrux is released on Monday.*

Ragga, reggae, regal roots

ROCK RECORDS

Although the idea may seem odd initially, it is probably no accident that Britain's first Asian pop star, **Apache Indian**, should have adapted the wordy, "ragga" talking style of the Caribbean to his purposes. Never mind his background as a welder in the reggae-rich area of Handsworth, Birmingham, there are simply not that many other musical idioms which could facilitate half of what the man has got to say.

Rather like the early rock stars — and comparisons with Bob Dylan are not altogether inappropriate — Indian is not only the popular voice of a new generation, he starts with a blank sheet in front of him. "Arranged Marriage", his current hit single, marks the first time that a youthful role model has used *Top Of The Pops* to air an issue that excites intense inter-generational conflict among British Asians.

And that is just the start. On Indian's debut album, *No Reservations* (Island 514 112), titles such as "Aids Warning", "Drink Problems" and "Badd Indian" signal the wide-ranging social commentary that is the hallmark of his lyrics. Musically, the culture-crunching blend of British Bhangra and Jamaican dance-hall reggae — thumping bass, delicately spiced with tabla and sitar — produces a distinctively light, spring-heeled effect.

Whether immediate sales of *No Reservations* will extend much beyond the Asian and reggae-buying communities is doubtful, but the emergence of a star like this is a substantial and welcome development in the broader scheme of things.

"**The Cult** is the only British rock band of the last decade that has meant anything," raves the press release accompanying *Pure Cult — For Rockers Ravers Lovers And Sinners* (Beggars Banquet BEGA 130), a compilation of the group's best-known songs.

So the Smiths meant nothing? Simple Minds? New Model Army? The Mission? Not only that, it now seems that while no one was looking the Cult also invented grunge in 1989, by drawing together "the strings of alternative, rock and commercial" music.

In fact, as a rock phenomenon, the Cult's only claim to serious attention is that they recognised and exploited their Seventies roots a good two or three years before anyone else plucked up the courage to do the same. But as numbers like "Edie (Ciao Baby)", "Lil' Devil" and "Love Removal Machine" so amply demonstrate, their cloddish attempts at recycling all those Led Zeppelin, Bad Company and AC/DC riffs were executed with an almost total lack of imagination or finesse.

DAVID SINCLAIR

A noble celebration of the great man's 150th birthday

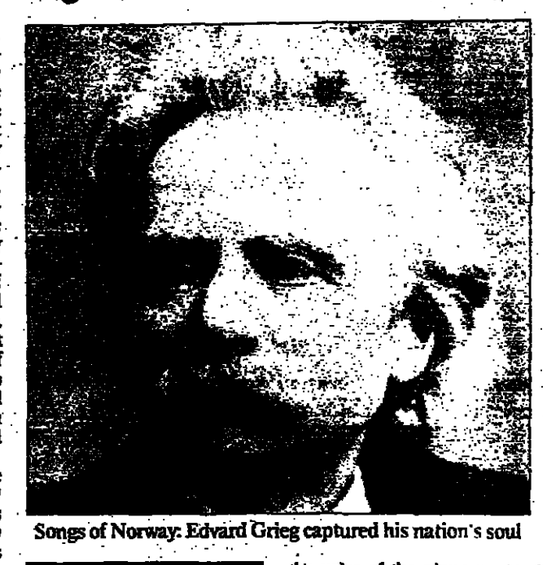
Grieg by the dozens

Grieg year is upon us. Bergen, the Norwegian town where the composer was born on June 15, 1843, is the focus of the anniversary celebrations, but the wagon has apparently started rolling in Brazil, Moscow, Tokyo, Cracow and Paris.

Despite Grieg's Scottish ancestry and the rave reviews he received on each of his many concert tours to London, Britain will have to wait until March for the first official events. In the meantime, though, the first discs have just appeared of a 24-volume set of new recordings of his piano and chamber music and songs, from the Norwegian company Victoria, distributed in this country by Gamut.

The first volume of the complete 170 songs (VCD 19038) and the first two discs of the piano music (VCD 19026-7) make an auspicious start. Grieg thought of his wife Nina as "the only true interpreter of my songs": he would surely have considered Marianne Hirsti a good second best. Even on this first disc, she has to show something of the full range of Grieg's still underestimated vocal writing: from the simple, strophic folk settings of the Op 15 to the almost Straussian rhapsodies of the Op 49, and on to the masterpieces of the Op 60 Vilhelm Krag settings. Here, Grieg's skill at transmuting the very essence of his country's folk music into lean, lyrical art songs is distilled and refined.

Earlier in the recital, Hirsti's radiant Solveig faces the Peer Gynt of the tenor Kjell Magnus Sandve. Both are joined by Norway's formidable baritone Knut Skram. Leaping into the dance rhythms of "Midsummer Eve" and the "Langeland Folksong", he provides some of the most distinctive singing on this disc.



Songs of Norway: Edvard Grieg captured his nation's soul

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Solveig's song returns, on VCD 19026, in the piano arrangement Grieg made from his incidental music to *Peer Gynt*, and Geir Henning Braaten juxtaposes these cameos with the piano arrangements of the *Sigurd Jorsalfar* music.

But most of this first disc is taken up with the *Norwegian Folk Songs and Dances*, Grieg's recreations of the folk music collected by Linderman which was to be the source of much of his music. The imagination with which he varied their harmonies, harnessed their rhythms and turned their melodic inflexions to the movements of the fingers and the voice of the piano was to inspire Debussy, Delius and Bartók.

Grieg's own playing was, apparently, fresh and brisk with rapid tempos and not a trace of sentimentality. Braaten is a faithful disciple and is particularly sensitive to the way in which these tiny vignettes seem to retain part of the secret of the tales they tell.

Braaten continues what will be a 12-volume marathon with Grieg's largest piano work, the G minor Ballade, an agonised 20 minutes of soul-baring written shortly after the death of his parents. Braaten gives it a coolish performance, and seems happier with the *Improvisations* (Op 29), *Elegiac Melodies* (from the Op 33 song cycle), and the *Norwegian Dances*, originally for four hands.

HILARY FINCH

One for the money, another for the show

JAZZ VIDEOS

NO matter what the old Hollywood films may pretend, the life of an itinerant musician has never been particularly glamorous. *The Music Tells You* (Sony SMV-49134-2), a fly-on-the-wall video about the saxophonist **Branford Marsalis**, suggests that not much has changed, except that the tour buses now have colour televisions.

"How do you make a million dollars playing jazz?" asks one of Marsalis's associates at one point. The answer: "Well, first you start with two million ..." The joke raises a wry laugh, although, as an occasional sideman with Sting, Marsalis will never need to busk on the subway.

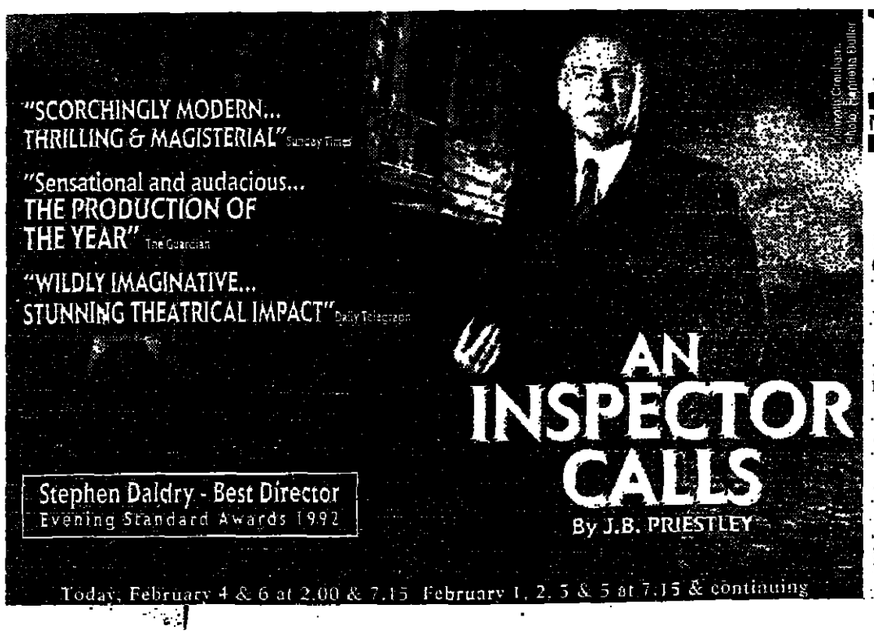
Aside from the usual self-conscious clowning, D.A. Pennebaker's film shows Marsalis touring with his hard-edged trio, taking part in an informal seminar with students and working on a TV score. There is plenty of concert footage of the trio, and in shortage of dazed expressions in his audiences.

If Marsalis is the epitome of the 1990s technocrat, **Bill Evans** symbolises the school of fragile introspection. A model for a generation of pianists, he combined delicacy of touch with a refined, quasi-impressionist harmonic sense.

Tantalising fragments of his musical philosophy are scattered throughout a 45-minute profile, *The Universal Mind of Bill Evans* (Kay Jazz KJ-101, tel: 0634 405698). Filmed in grainy black and white in the mid-1960s, the documentary is structured around an interview in which Evans explains his approach to improvisation and the importance of placing personal expression before the cultivation of pure technique.

The discussion never quite goes as far as it might, but any video which allows a musician of this stature to speak for himself is to be welcomed.

CLIVE DAVIS



THE SUNDAY TIMES

How sex became enjoyable

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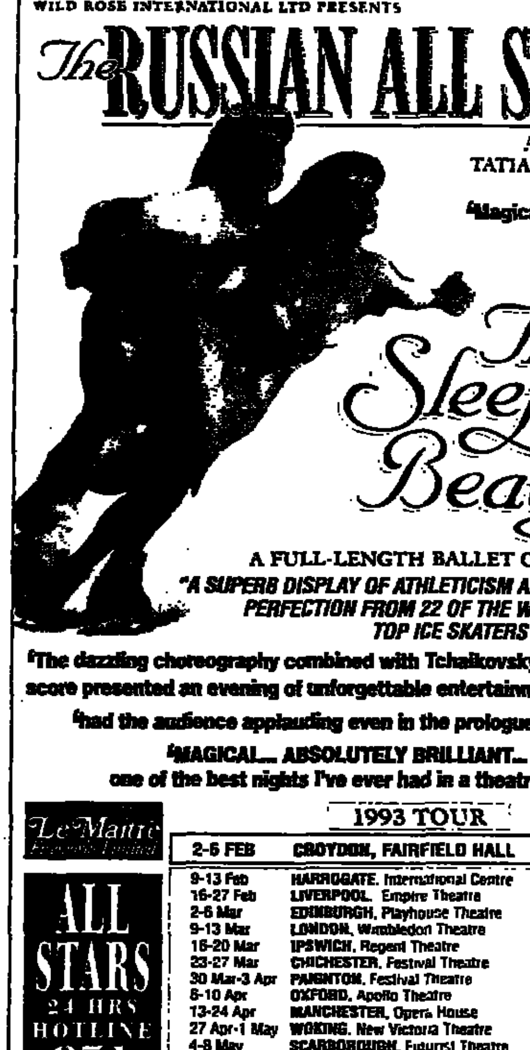

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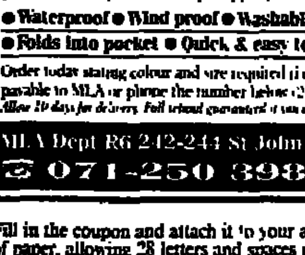

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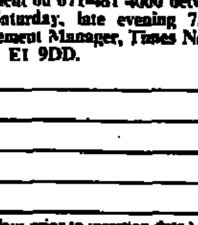

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7.30 Henry's Cat (r) (8938585) **7.35 Wiz Bang**. Early morning fun (s) (5943932) **7.50 Littl' Bits** (r) (4173585) **8.10 Eggs 'n' Baker.** Cheryl Baker goes back to school as a dinner lady (s) (1792395) **8.35 Tom and Jerry: Greatest Hits** (r) (2313382)
9.00 Going Live! Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield are joined by Rory Underwood and Bobby Davro, plus a special film about young ice skater Marika Humphries (s) (64359450) **12.12 Weather** (1061419)
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up includes (subject to alteration): **12.20** Football Focus. Bob Wilson and Gary Lineker preview the weekend's Premier League games; **12.55** News; **1.00, 1.35** and **2.10** Racing from Cheltenham. Food Brokers "Finesse" 4-y-o hurdle (**1.05**), Timeform Hall of Fame chase (**1.40**), Wyko Power Transmission hurdle (**2.15**); **1.15** Boxing: Johnny Armour v Ricky Romero from the Elephant and Castle in London; **1.50** and **2.25** Ice Hockey. England v Scotland from Sheffield; **2.55** and **3.55** Rugby League. live coverage of the first-round Silk Cut Challenge Cup match between Warrington and Castleford; **3.45** Football half-times **4.35** Final Score (89796818)
5.15 News with Jennie Bond. Weather (6766030)
5.25 Regional news and sport (7131112). Wales. Wales on Saturday 6.00-6.05 Cartoon
5.30 That's Showbusiness. *Neil Morrissey and Lesley Joseph take on* Nick Revell and Terry Christian in the celebrity panel game presented by Mike Smith. (Ceefax) (s) (842382)
6.05 Noel's House Party Shaw Taylor receives his "Gotcha Oscar" from Noel Edmonds (s) (946672)
7.00 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. The magician is joined by Lady Quadro, a German contortionist, Italian Rodolfo Reyes and Lennart Green from Sweden. (Ceefax) (s) (873672)

A healthy first century: the ensemble hospital cast (7.50pm)

7.50 Casualty
● CHOICE: The hospital drama notches up its 100th episode after a run stretching back to 1986. And there is talk of turning it into a twice-weekly soap. At least it would be a better proposition than the feeble *Eldorado*. The inspiration for the series was the American police show *Hill Street Blues*, another study of professionals under stress with overlapping stories and an ensemble cast. The formula has served *Casualty* well, even though each edition tends to follow the same pattern. Each week assorted mishaps lead their victims to *the emergency ward, against a background of hospital politics and* glimpses into the medics' private lives. But the standard of writing and direction remains high, the cast is kept fresh by judicious *changes and given the huge public appetite for medical fiction a* second century could well be in sight. (Ceefax) (s) (378943)
8.40 Birds of a Feather. A repeat showing of the first series of the comedy about the Essex girls (Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson) with the jailed husbands (r) (s) (355160)
9.10 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather (677295)
9.30 That's Life! Esther Rantzen and her team look at hard-sell tactics. (Ceefax) (s) (419011)
10.10 Match of the Day. Highlights from two of today's Premier League matches (s) (5536160)
11.15 Bloodlines: Making Coppola's Dracula. Yet another plug for Francis Ford Coppola's absurdly over-hyped film, which must have the best publicity machine in the history of the cinema. Coppola explains why he went to Bram Stoker's Gothic novel and there is rehearsal footage of stars Gary Oldman, Anthony Hopkins, Winona Ryder and Keanu Reeves. (101924). Wales Snooker
11.45 Film: Taste the Blood of Dracula *(1969) starring Christopher Lee.* In a poor Hammer addition to the vampire cycle, a secret disciple of Dracula is seeking three priceless items belonging to the vampire. Directed by Peter Sasdy (999818). Wales. 11.55 That's Showbusiness 12.25 Bloodlines 12.55 Film: Taste the Blood of Dracula 2.30 Weather **1.20am Weather** (2461257)

BBC2

8.35 Film: The Big Country (1958).
● CHOICE: A huge star-filled western by the meticulous William Wyler presents a story of business and emotional rivalry set against the background of a Texas range war. Gregory Peck and Charlton Heston are competing for the hand of Carroll Baker, while Baker's father (Charles Bickford) is locked in a feud with the grizzled Burl Ives. In the 1950s westerns had to say something and *The Big Country*, with its message of reconciliation, even pacifism, was taken as a reference to the sterility of Cold War politics. Now that the Cold War is over, the film can be enjoyed for its own sake, as a thumping good tale, splendid to look at and with a cast in top form. Ives won an Oscar, the gruff Bickford should have had one and Heston is magisterial. Long but very watchable (87618566)
11.15 The Strange Affair Of: The Old Straight Track. Robert Symes explores the mysterious ley lines (r) (943837)
11.45 Donovan the Diviner. The last of three films featuring water diviner Donovan Wilkins and his wife Margaret (r) (942108)
12.15 Film: Border Incident (1949, b/w). Crisp semi-documentary thriller about two agents going undercover to crack a ring smuggling workers over the Mexican border. Starring Ricardo Montalban and George Murphy and directed by Anthony Mann (125924)
1.45 Tanhaiyan The final episode (9812585)
2.25 Ava Gardner. *A profile of the legendary actress (8110522)*
3.15 Film: Pandora and the Flying Dutchman (1951). Flamboyant melodrama with Ava Gardner as a beautiful socialite who becomes drawn to the mysterious owner of a yacht. Co-starring James Mason and directed by Albert Lewin (358450)
5.15 Late Again (s) (6257498) **5.55 Scrutiny** (849943)
6.25 Kings of the Castle. The candidates final of the World Chess championship between Britain's Nigel Short and Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman (249295)
6.55 News and sport with Jennie Bond. Weather (490127)
7.10 Sounds of the Seventies: Can You Feel the Force? A nostalgic look at the influence of soul music (s) (833189)
7.45 Fine Cut: Memories and Dreams.
● *CHOICE: Thanks to Melissa Llewellyn-Davies we probably know* more about the Maasai people of Kenya than we do about some of our fellow citizens. Since 1974 Llewellyn-Davies has been filming in the same Maasai village and has produced eight documentaries. This new film stems from a return trip after a long absence. It seeks to show how the people have changed and whether that change has been for the better. At first glance it would appear that life goes on much as it always has. Men have half a dozen wives and treat them abominably. The villagers are haunted by poverty and disease. Yet none of this shakes their belief that God will be merciful. *Memories and Dreams* is impressive in its scope and sympathy, but Llewellyn-Davies does seem to assume that everyone has seen her earlier work. (81702363)
9.20 *Moving Pictures.* *Includes a review of The Public Eye, based on* the life of American crime photographer Weegee, and Louis Malle talks of the controversy over his latest film *Damage* (482566)

Riotous funeral: mourners gather amid strikes (10.10pm)

10.10 Film: Milou in May (1989)
● CHOICE: Having spent much of the 1980s across the Atlantic, Louis Malle returned to his roots with this very French tale of a family coming together for a funeral. The backcloth is the student riots of May 1968, though Malle is not making political points. Rather he is using the upheaval for a bit of comic mischief. Mourners are delayed because of transport difficulties and the funeral itself is held up because the undertakers are on strike. But at the heart of the film *are relationships among a well-heeled provincial family, whose* bourgeois respectability is often not what it seems. Malle's tone is wry rather than censorious and more than one critic has called the *film Chekhovian. In a splendid cast Michel Piccoli plays Milou, the* head of the family, with Miou-Miou as his daughter and Harriet Walter as his English sister-in-law (996301)
11.55 Film: The Set-Up (1949, b/w). Taut and abrasive drama starring Robert Ryan as an aging boxer who refuses to throw his last fight. Directed by Robert Wise (605011). Ends at **1.10am**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (7087011)
9.25 What's Up Doc? Yvette Fielding, Pat Sharp and Andy Crane meet the stars of *Sesame Street* (s) (91537092)
11.30 Movies, Movies, Movies. Includes reviews of new video releases *The Cutting Edge* and *The Power of One* (3498)
12.00 The ITV Chart Show featuring Annie Lennox performing "Little Bird" (r) (s) (74276)
1.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (34770214) **1.05 London Today** (34779585)
1.10 Hard Time on Planet Earth. Comedy series about an alien exiled to Earth (1812672)
2.05 WCW Worldwide Wrestling from America (1528189)
2.40 International Athletics: Jim Rosenthal presents live coverage of the Pearl Games between Great Britain and Russia from Glasgow's Kelvin Hall, with appearances by some of America's top athletes (69494547)
4.40 News and sports results with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (3504740) **5.00 London Today** and sport (6763943)
5.10 New Baywatch. The perfectly formed lifeguards of Los Angeles County *parade the beaches in search of damsels in distress.* (Teletext) (s) (6086837)
6.00 Blind Date. Cilla Black plays Cupid to more hopefuls looking for the *perfect match and discovers how last week's winners fared.* (Teletext) (s) (63160)

New faces: Michael Barrymore meets raw talent (7.00pm)

7.00 Barrymore. Michael Barrymore presents the show in which members of the public are the stars (952653)
7.45 Inspector Morse: Dead on Time. Barely a week after John Thaw's *dour detective solved his last case comes a repeat of last year's* series. Morse finds he has a personal connection with the family of an Oxford don who has apparently committed suicide (r). (Teletext) (999856)
9.45 The Big Fight — Live! The first bout of a boxing double bill features a fight for the WBA Continental heavyweight championship between Britain's unbeaten Herbie Hide and Juan Antonio Diaz from Argentina. Also featured is the fight for the Commonwealth light-middleweight title between Lloyd Honeyghan and Mickey Hughes (890837)
10.35 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (135721)
10.55 Film: Whoops Apocalypse (1986). Wacky but overstretched political satire, based on a television series and starring Loretta Swit as a United States president trying to dissuade Britain's prime minister (Peter Cook) from launching a nuclear attack on Latin America. Directed by Tom Bussmann (52161818)
12.35 The Big E. European magazine programme for and about young Europeans (5334122)
1.40 Basketball. Alton Byrd introduces action from the American NBA *League* (2780054)
2.40 New Music. Includes a look at the Winnipeg music scene and an interview with House of Pain (8136141)
4.00 Coach. American comedy series (87290).
4.30 BPM. The latest news on the dance music scene (s) (9849412)
5.30 ITN Morning News (49832). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (r) (s) (1370092) **6.25 Spiff and Hercules.** *Cartoon fun with the cat and dog* (5729092) **6.40 Alfred J. Kwak.** Tales of a musical duck (6145769) **7.05 Kideo** How taking a bath can alter the world's temperature (s) (5361556) **7.35 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors** (r) (4350214) **8.00 Saved by the Bell.** Schoolroom drama (58740) **8.30 High 5.** Adventurous sports in South Africa (57011)
9.00 News (4842837) **9.15 Racing: The Morning Line** (2151108)
10.00 Trans World Sport. International sporting news (64450)
11.00 Gazzetta Football Italia. Paul Gascoigne takes his weekly look at *the Italian league* (84214)
12.00 American Football. Gary Imlach looks forward to tomorrow's Superbowl (r) (68127)
12.30 On the Other Hand: India at the Crossroads. Pranoy Roy, India's television's leading political journalist, presents a special edition about the upsurge of communal violence in India's cities. A panel of *five politicians, representing the main factions, is questioned by a* studio audience (postponed from last Sunday) (93547)
1.30 Channel 4 Racing from Doncaster, introduced by Brough Scott *1.35 Saint System Misograph*; **2.10** Mitsubishi Shogun Trophy Handicap Chase; **2.40** Great Yorkshire Chase Handicap **3.10** Rowe Don Novices' Hurdle (84924)
3.30 Film: Dreamboat (1952, b/w). A tame Hollywood tilt at the small screen in which Clifton Webb plays a college professor disconcerted by the revival of his silent films on television. Directed by Claude Binyon (741721)
5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext) (s) (4720924)
6.30 Right to Reply. Includes reactions to the Dennis Nilsen interview included in *Murder in Mind*, and Martin Summers calling for a *relaxation of the the rules on the sponsorship of programmes* (Teletext) (s) (653)
7.00 A Week in Politics. Discusses the trade and industry select *committee's report on the future of the coal industry and the* Commons debate on the health service

Moment of truth: will the parachute open safely? (8.00pm)

8.00 Adventures: Dead Men's Tales. Cameraman Leo Dickinson uses aerial stunt work to reconstruct the stories of parachutists who faced death and lived to tell the tale (r). (Teletext) (1905)
9.00 Stephen King's Golden Years. In the penultimate episode of the thriller, Gina forces Harlan to make a fateful decision. (Teletext) (s) (1769)
10.00 Saturday Zoo. Naomi Campbell joins Jonathan Ross as his celebrity co-host. Other guests include Rowland Rivron and the comedy magic act Penn and Teller, Del Amitri provides the music (s) (4856)
11.00 Ready Steady Go! (b/w). Nostalgic look at the sixties music scene, with the Beach Boys, the Kinks, the Beatles and Sandie Shaw (r) (697382)
11.35 Adult Oprah Oprah Winfrey is joined by Magic Johnson who speaks candidly about sex, his marriage and how he contracted the HIV virus. His wife tells of her shock when he first told of his positive *test (r) (s) (463635)*
12.30am Film: Goodbye New York (1983). Slight but likeable comedy starring Julie Haggerty as a sophisticated New Yorker who ends up *in Tel Aviv without luggage or money* and is helped by a cab driver Directed by Amos Kollek (251431)
2.15 The Word (r) (s) (833257). Ends at **3.15**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Danger Bay (14030) **6.30** Elephant Boy (83011) **7.00** Fun Factory (7065363) **12.00** Barnaby Jones (38498) **1.00pm** Rich Man, Poor Man (14818) **2.00** Greenacres (5276) **2.30** Facts of Life (4276) **3.00** Cartoons (27818) **4.00** The Dukes of Hazzard (39653) **5.00** WWF Superstars of Wrestling (8363) **6.00** Beverly Hills, 90210 (27382) **7.00** Knights and Warriors (71127) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (57547) **9.00** Cops I (35837) **9.30** Cops II (39127) **10.00** All American Wrestling (70498) **11.00** Saturday *Night Live* (21769) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise Europe (3605585) **9.30** Nightline (13189) **10.00** Dayline (72905) **10.30** *Financial Times* European Report (15699) **11.00** Dayline (46943) **11.30** Holiday Destinations (86189) **12.30pm** Fashion TV (863011) **1.30** The Reporters (87030) **2.30** Nightline (11214) **3.30** Those Were The Days (97905) **4.30** Travel Destinations (5382) **5.00** Live at Five (87699) **6.30** Fashion TV (96905) **7.30** The Reporters (6011) **9.30** *Financial Times* European Report (87818) **10.30** The Reporters (21030) **11.30** Fashion TV (79189) **12.30am** Travel Destinations (27344) **1.30** *Financial Times* European Report (61561) **2.30** Fashion TV (17889) **3.30** Target (12344) **4.30** *Financial Times* European Report (14141) **5.30-6.00** The Reporters (64716)

SKY MOVIES+

6.00am Showcase (58672)
8.00 Pop! (1969): Alan Arkin wants a better life for his children (99672)
10.00 American Eyes (1989): A Korean teenager is adopted by Americans (15108)
11.00 Tales from the Dark Side *False Prophet* (40769). **11.30** *Dream Girl* (41498)
12.00 The Adventures of Hercules (1985): Sword and sorcery adventure (89295)
2.00pm In the Line of Duty: Siege at Marion (1992): A Mormon sect clashes with the police (54450)
4.00 Working Trash (1990): Two janitors become rich on Wall Street (3295)
6.00 The Dream Machine (1991): A teenager acquires a Porsche (43469301)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (152740)
8.00 I Love You to Death (1990): Tracey Ullman plots to murder her pizza chef husband Kevin Kline (86059)
10.00 Leather Jackets (1990). Urban drama starring D.B. Sweeney, Bridget Fonda and Cary Elwes (521011)
11.40 Frank and I (1983): An erotic romp in Victorian times (974653)
1.05am Love Hurts (1990). *A family is* reunited at a wedding (695238)
2.50 King of the City (1986): A small-town boy moves to Hollywood (400832)
4.25 Masters of Menace (1990): Spoof of 1980s biker movies (597528). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.15pm 42nd Street (1933, b/w) Backstage musical starring Warner Baxter (50107009)
6.00 The Prince and the Showgirl (1957) Romantic comedy starring Laurence Olivier and Marilyn Monroe (34634)
8.00 Abba — The Movie (1977) The Swedish group on tour (46479)
10.00 Bloody Mama (1970) Shelley Winters stars as bank robber Ma Barker (703653). Ends at **11.40**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.50am Duncan's World Children's adventure starring Larry Tobias (58022818)
8.25 Young Winston (1972) Simon Ward stars as Churchill (92358653)
11.00 The Summer of the Falcon: Two children attempt to stop a man from stealing birds' eggs (4305092)
12.40pm An American in Paris (1951). Musical starring Gene Kelly (68901498)
2.35 Treasure Island (1989). Charlton Heston as Long John Silver (55992721)
4.50 Dinosaurs — The Movie (1991) Two children are magically transported into a prehistoric world (98693617)
6.30 Xposure. Film news (2295)
7.00 *Fire in the Dark* *(1991)*: Olympia Dukakis grows old with dignity (18295)
9.00 Once Around (1990): Holly Hunter meets salesman Richard Dreyfuss (76672)
11.00 Flatliners *(1990)*: Kiefer Sutherland and Julia Roberts dice with death (72276)
1.00am Serial (1981). Satire on California in the early eighties (999275)
2.35 *Texasville* *(1990). Sequel to The Last Picture Show* (41686344)
5.00 Columbo Goes to College (1991). The dishevelled detective investigates the murder of a professor (77783). Ends at **6.30**

SKY SPORTS

6.00am Test Match Cricket. India v England (3113615) **11.00** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (73011) **11.30** Motor World (74740) **12.00** WWF Wrestling Challenge (86092) **1.00pm** Sports Saturday (8456672) **6.00** Goal! The Fila Quiz (5547) **6.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (9127) **7.00** WWF Mania (34027) **8.00** Welsh Open Snooker (915672) **11.00** Test Match Cricket (29108) **1.00am** Australian Open Tennis (830580) **3.30-6.00** Test Match Cricket: India v England (651073)

EUROSPORT

8.00am Step Aerobics (73672) **8.30** Ford Ski Report (72943) **9.00** Motorsport (90173) **10.30** *Ski Jumping World Cup* (802769) **1.30pm** Cyclo Cross World Championship (69924) **3.00** Alpine Skiing (15905) **5.00** Ski Jumping World Cup (986160) **8.00** Cyclo Cross World Championship (34063) **9.00** Boxing (97189) **10.00** Euroscores Magazine (90276) **11.00-12.00** Motorsport (58837)

SCREENSPORT

6.00am Men's Pro Beach Volleyball (17653) **7.00** NHL Review (24092) **8.00** European Indoor Hockey (25721) **9.00** Longitude (76769) **9.30** Grundig Global Adventure Sport (96011) **10.00** Squash. World TV Super Series (53382) **11.00** Sports Magazine (71653) **11.30** NBA Action (72382) **12.00** Pro Kick (86634) **1.00pm** NBA Basketball (35436) **3.00** Volvo PGA Golf (269905) **6.00** UK Professional Billiards (993450) **9.00** Pro Box (16214) **11.00** Volvo PGA Golf (54011) **12.00** Grundig Global Adventure Sport (44325) **12.30am** NBA Basketball **2.30** NBA Action (92513) **3.00** Ladies Pro Ten Pin Bowling (26412) **4.00-6.00** Basketball Bundesliga (53162)

UK GOLD

6.00am Rainbow (57440872) **6.15** Button Moon (57445127) **6.30** Dangermouse (9529585) **7.00** Lassie (2982363) **7.30** Owl TV (2901498) **8.00** Hot Dog (5547214) **8.30** Rentaghost (5546585) **9.00** Visionaries (5537837) **9.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (7208924) **10.00** Jem (9510837) **10.30** Dungeons and Dragons (5526721) **11.00** Film. The Sheepman (1958) with Glenn Ford (5546059) **12.30pm** Film: The Feminine Touch (1941, b/w) (20503498) **2.15** Bless This House (8334671) **2.45** EastEnders (40472585) **5.30** Swallows and Amazons Forever! (7315363) **6.00** Campion (7227059) **7.00** Bless This House (1537924) **7.30** Till Death Us Do Part (7325740) **8.00** Bergerac (1315568) **9.00** The Lotus Eaters (1328030) **10.00** Film: Carry On Loving (2019301) **11.45** Happy Families (3824059) **12.15am** Three of a Kind (3177870) **12.45-2.00** In Concert: Alexander O'Neal (39402851)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies with The Weekend Breakfast Show **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** Mr Lucky: John Lee Hooker **3.00** Johnnie Walker **6.00** The Saturday Rock Show **8.30** The Comedy Network **9.00** Andy Kershaw **11.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **4.00am** Bill Rennells **6.00** Barbara Sturgeon **8.05** Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Brian Hayes on Saturday **1.30pm** The Radio 2 Lecture: Popular Culture — The Endangered Oxymoron (r) **2.00** Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the Fifties **3.00** Steve Race **4.00** The Nashville Dream (1/2) (r) **5.00** Cinema 2 **5.30** Nick Barraclough's New Country **6.00** The World Dances (3/5) **7.00** The Bolshoi in London: *Giselle* **9.30** David Jacobs presents Easy Does It **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Ronnie Hilton (r) **1.00-4.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **Midday**. **3.40am** Test Match Special: India v England **6.00** World Service **6.30** Test Match Special **8.30** Weekend Edition Update **8.50** Test Match Special **11.00** Go! **12.00** Sport on 4 Plus 1 (as Radio 4 at 9.05am) **12.30pm** Sportscall **1.30** Sport on Five, with John Inverdale. Football: Second-half commentary on one of today's games; Cricket: India v England; Racing from Cheltenham **1.40** The Timeform Hall of Fame Chase. **2.15** The Wyko Power Hurdle **5.00** Sports Report **6.05** Six-O-Six **7.30** Afropop Worldwide **8.30** Le Top **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** Sports Bulletin **10.15** On the Level, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport **3.40** Test Match Special: India v England. Commentary on the third day from Calcutta

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** World Business Report **4.40** Travel and Weather News **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** People and Politics **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** A Jolly Good Show **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Worldbrief **9.30** Personal View **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Jazz Now and Then **10.15** Letter from America **10.30** Waveguide **10.40** Book Choice **10.45** From the Weeklies **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Midday** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 3 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** Club 648 **2.15** Personal View **2.30** Sportsworld **3.00** News **3.15** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** News; Sportsworld **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** News **8.10** Personal View **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe This Weekend **8.55** European Sports News **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Words of Faith **11.10** Book Choice **11.15** *A Jolly Good Show* **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** The Ken Bruce Show **1.00** News **1.01** Play of the Week: The Broken Butterfly **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Task Force Orient **3.00** News **3.10** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** From Our Own Correspondent **3.50** Write On **4.00** News **4.15** Inside the Photograph Album

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic CD Chart Rundown **12.00** Petroc Trelawny **3.00pm** Adrian Love **6.00** Classic America **7.00** Opera: Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor* **10.00** Classic Quiz **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.10 Cartoon Time (34750450) **1.20** Wrestling (7102566) **2.10-2.40** Big Foot in Action (40816214) **5.00-5.10** Anglia News (6763943) **12.35** Hollywood Report (1176344) **1.05** Kojak. A Need to Know (8030716) **2.00** The Twilight Zone (48798) **2.30** BPM (30141) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (42986) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (69677)

BORDER

As London except: 1.10-2.40 Film. Ali Baba and the Seven Saracens (Gordon Mitchell, Dan Harrison) (3963769) **5.00-5.10** Border News (6763943) **12.35** Hollywood Report (1176344) **1.05** Kojak (8030716) **2.00** The Twilight Zone (48798) **2.30** BPM (30141) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (42986) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (69677)

CENTRAL

As London except: **1.10** Wrestling (7115030) **1.55-2.40** The A-Team (9866547) **5.00** Central News (8381455) **5.05-5.10** The Central Match — Goals Extra (9731996) ***12.35** Film.* Red Fury (115290) **2.10** Cinema, Cinema (2818986) **2.40** America's Top Ten (8677590) **3.10** Elvis, Good Rockin' Tonight (84703986) **3.40** Alfred Hitchcock Presents: *A Stolen Heart* (49779122) **4.10** Pop Profile (83812677) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder

GRANADA

As London except: 1.10-2.40 Film: Wilde's Domain (3963769) **5.00-5.10** Granada News (6763943) **12.35** Hollywood Report (1176344) **1.05** Kojak (8030716) **2.00** The Twilight Zone (48798) **2.30** BPM (30141) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (42986) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (69677)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.10 McCloud (5948189) **2.10-2.40** Get Wet (40816214) **5.00-5.10** HTV West News (6763943) **12.35** Hollywood Report (1176344) **1.05** Kojak (8030716) **2.00** The Twilight Zone (48798) **2.30** BPM (30141) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (42986) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (69677).

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 5.00-5.10 HTV Wales *News and Sport*

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.10 Wrestling *(7115030)* ***1.55** The Munsters Today* (77536491) **2.25-2.40** Cartoon (25888092) **5.05-5.10** Saturday Sport (9731996) **1.35** Film. Tommy (427899) **3.35** Get Wet (5526035) **4.10** America's Top Ten (69975219) **4.40-5.30** Wrestling (8488899)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.15-2.40 Film: Wilde's Domain (9870943) **5.00-5.10** Tyne Tees Saturday (6763943) **12.35** The Law and Harry McGraw (363815) **2.25** BPM (2840986) **3.25** Stephen King's World of Horror (5160141) **4.20-5.30** Cue the Music (4529035)

ULSTER

As London except: 1.10 Saturday Sport (34750450) **1.20** Transworld Sport (1803924) **2.15-2.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (54860160) **5.05-5.10** Saturday Sport (9731996) **12.35** Hollywood Report (1176344) **1.05** Kojak (8030716) **2.00** Twilight Zone (48798) **2.30** BPM (30141) **3.30** Little Picture Show (42986) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (39677)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 11.30-12.00 Anybody Out There? (3498) **1.10** The A-Team (5948189) **2.10-2.40** Movies, Movies, Movies *(40816214)* ***5.00-5.10** Westcountry* Weekend Latest (6763943) **12.35** Hollywood Report (1176344) **1.05** Kojak (8030716) **2.00** The Twilight Zone (48798) **2.30** BPM (30141) *3.30 The Little Picture Show* (42986) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (69677)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.15-2.40 Film: Wilde's Domain (9870943) **5.00-5.10** Calendar News (6763943) **12.35** The Law and Harry McGraw (363815) **2.25** BPM (2840986) **3.25** Stephen King's World of Horror (5160141) **4.20-5.30** Cue the Music (4529035)

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Starts: 7.05 Kideo (5361856) **7.35** Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (4350214) **8.00** Saved by the Bell (53740) **8.30** High 5 (57011) **9.00** News (4842837) **9.15** Racing: The Morning Line (2151108) **10.00** Trans World Sport (64450) **11.00** Gazzetta Football Italia — With Paul Gascoigne (84214) **12.00** American Football (68127) **12.30** The Wonder Years (86011) **1.00** Hog Heaven (38030) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing (84924) **3.30** Film: Coney Island (741721) **5.05** Brookside (4720924) **6.30** Magic Roundabout (939653) **6.35** Now You're Talking (5850111) **7.00** News (985905) **7.20** Showcase (376108) **7.50** Halen Yn Y Gwaed (537305) **8.50** Tocyn Tymor (8092011) **10.00** Saturday Zoo (4856) **11.00** Ready Steady Go! (697382) **11.35** Adult Oprah (463456) **12.25** Whose Line Is It Anyway? (1208073) **12.55** Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 9.00 Children's Programmes **12.35** Film: The Flying Eye (66329450) **1.35** News (21088092) **1.40** Sports Stadium (13317305) **6.00** Moon Station (92124672) **6.30** Seachtain (49601769) **6.55** News (60273740) **7.00** Anna — Ballerina (48222479) **8.00** News (63885183) **8.03** Lotto Draw (63885189) **8.05** Space Age (31790672) **9.05** Film. Sherlock Holmes — The Master Blackmailer (92180350) **11.05** First View (87596276) **11.30** Cheers (16491566) **12.30** Close

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 Record Review, with Paul Guinery. Beethoven (Trio in G, *WoO 37: Susan Milan, flute,* Sergio Azzolini, bassoon, Ian Brown, piano); Gerhard (Pedrelliana. Tenerife Symphony Orchestra under Victor Pablo Pérez); Grieg (Four Songs, Op 49 Nos 1-4: Marianne Hirsti, soprano, Kjell Magnus Sandve, tenor, Knut Sram, baritone, Rudolf Jansen, piano); Dvořák (Five Slavonic Dances, Op 46 Nos 4-8: Katia and Marielle Labèque, pianos); Pérotin (Viderunt Omnes: Orlando Consort); Haydn *(Cello Concerto in C: Truls* Mork; Norwegian CO under Iona Brown) **9.00 News**
9.05 Record Review continues with Richard Osborne. **Building a Library**: Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor* by Julian Budden, and David Fanning reviews new piano releases from Horowitz, Cherkassky, Richter, Stephen *Kovacevich and Mitsuko* Uchida. **10.35 Record Release**: Mozart (Piano Concerto No 17 in G, K453: *Mitsuko Uchida: English CO* under Jeffrey Tate); Brahms (Sonata No 2 in F sharp minor, Op 2: Sviatoslav Richter, piano); Bartók (String Quartet No 3: Tatrai Quartet); Liszt (Les Préludes: Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Oskar Fried); **12.10pm** Hyperion has reached the half-way mark in its survey of *Liszt's solo piano music.* Jeremy Siepmann talks to Leslie Howard about the prospect of recording another 24 CDs **12.35** Leslie Howard plays one of Liszt's Italian-inspired works from Volume 21. **1.00 News**
1.05 Hagen Quartet performs Mozart (String Quartet in A, K464); Wolf (Italian Serenade); Shostakovich (String Quartet No 14 in F sharp, Op 142)
2.15 Schumann: Piano Sonata No *2 in G minor, Op 22; Presto* passionato; Nachtstücke, Op 23 (Malcolm Binns, piano) (r)
3.00 The Koussevitzky Legacy: Humphrey Burton presents the second of 12 programmes reflecting the legacy of the *Russian-born conductor Serge* Koussevitzky. With contributions from WCRB Radio producer Richard Kaye and the violinist Harry Ellis Dickson. Prokofiev (Symphony No 1 in D, Classical; *Rachmaninov (The Isle of the* Dead); Berlioz (Harold in Italy: William Primrose, viola); Debussy (La mer: Boston Symphony Orchestra under Serge Koussevitzky)
4.45 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith
5.30 Live from the Met — Un Ballo in Maschera: A live transmission of Verdi's opera *from the Metropolitan Opera* House, New York. John Fiore conducts. With Taro Ichihara as Riccardo, Sharon Sweet as *Amelia*, Juan Pons as *Renato*, and Harolyn Blackwell as Oscar. Act 2 at **6.50**, Act 3 at **7.55**
● CHOICE: No Verdi opera reached its first night without swimming through difficulties, sometimes a lake of them, at other times an ocean. *A Masked Ball* went through a sea of troubles, not all of them *caused by the Italian censors*, and William Weaver's interval talk at **6.30** cannot hope to do more than provide a thumbnail sketch of them. The second interval at **7.25** is filled by another of the opera quizzes that are proving such a stimulating feature of these five broadcasts from the "Met"
9.00 Third Opinion: Christopher Bigsby, prompted by Norman Mailer's seventieth birthday and the publication of a book on the Beat movement, considers American literature's recent past and its future in the light of some first novels by young American writers
9.45 Lala Moustafazade, piano, performs Scriabin (Sonata No 10); Liszt (Mephisto Waltz No 1) (r)
10.10 Simpson and Stevens. BBC Concert Orchestra under Barry Wordsworth performs Bernard Stevens (Sinfonietta, Op 10); Robert Simpson (Symphony No 7)
11.00 Outside In Festival: Nod Knowles introduces the last of three programmes recorded at the 1992 festival in the Hawth Centre, Crawley. Featuring a set by the violinist Shankar from India, saxophonist Andy *Sheppard from England* and Brazilian percussion player Nana Vasconcelos
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week: Oliver Dowding examines sustainable agriculture **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.20** Listeners' Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **7.55** Weather **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4, with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: Bill Oddie presents holiday news
10.00 News; Loose Ends, with Ned Sherrin and guests (s)
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box, with Alison *Mitchell*
12.25pm Just a Minute! Chairman Nicholas Parsons, with Peter Jones, Paul Merton, Derek Nimmo and Richard Morton (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Nick Clarke chairs a discussion in Castle Eden, Durham, between Ian McAllister, chairman of Ford UK; Christine Hancock, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing; George Robertson, MP, Opposition spokesman of Europe; and Edwina Currie, MP (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4444 from 12.30pm (s)
2.30 Playhouse: Operation Lightning Pegasus. Timothy West, *Geoffrey Bateman* and Tim Bentinck star in Alick Rowe's play about what really happened at the fall of Troy
4.00 News; New Europeans: The fifth of six programmes is about Colin Moore, an architect *in Madrid (s)*
4.30 Science Now, presented by Peter Evans
5.00 Am I Doing All Right? Mel Hill joins drummer Peter Cotterill as he indulges in his passion for projecting after-midnight film shows (s)
5.25 The Art of Travel Annette Kobak talks to the Dutch writer Cees Nooteboom (s) **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News and Sports Round-Up
6.25 Week Ending (r) (s)
6.50 Postcard from Gotham. Mark Steyn tunes in to a variety of New York radio stations
7.20 Kaleidoscope The Manner of the Word
● CHOICE: The attempt by Paul Doust and a bevy of celebrated theatre folk *to* define high comedy — the whole thing ingeniously put together by producer *Adrian Washbourne* — keeps coming back to Noel Coward. Perhaps the quintessential definition comes when Sorel in *Hay Fever* commands her utterly impossible mother: "Be natural a minute!", only to be told: "I don't know what you *mean*". This supports critic Michael Billington's belief that high comedy is largely about a meeting of two opposed minds. Maria Aitken, a high priestess of high comedy, adds immeasurably to this intellectually stimulating half-hour (s)
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: The Black Birds of St Giles, by Robert Birmingham. Ben Wynter and Akim Magaji star as the young and grown-up Tobias, an African page in the Scofield household, whose life begins to change as he becomes a man (s)
9.20 Music in Mind (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Year in Question John Humphrys referees the semi-final between teams from the *Liverpool Echo* and *The Scotsman* (r) (s)
10.45 Idle Thoughts. John Walters ponders on MFC Sound (r) (s)
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with the percussionist James Blades (r) (s)
11.30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World. The New Age comedy series (r) (s)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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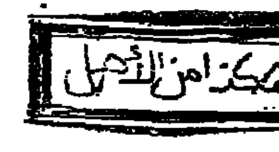

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SUNDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC1

7.25 The High Chaparral. Vintage western series (r) (2956764)
8.15 Breakfast with Frost. Sir David Frost talks to Labour MP Robin Cook (271493) **9.15 The Good Book Guide** (s) (4191870)
9.30 This is the Day. Phyllis Thompson joins students at the Royal National College for the Blind in Hereford (s) (83054)
10.00 See Hear! Clive Mason presents a report on a charter designed to improve access for all deaf people. With signing and subtitles (33122) **10.30 Japanese Language and People**. The first in a ten-part series (r) (52696). Wales: Careering Ahead
11.00 Careering Ahead. Examining whether single-sex training is the best way for women wanting a fuller role in management (8764). Wales: (to 12.30) See You Sunday
11.30 Off the Back of a Lorry. Mike Scott looks at how British businessmen have fared in Spain (r) (9493)
12.00 Advice Shop. Welfare rights magazine (r) (43948)
12.30 Country File. John Craven looks at the claim that children in the countryside are more at risk from leukaemia than those elsewhere (1924344). Wales: Down to Earth **12.55 Weather** (24620141)
1.00 News (34712290) **1.05 On the Record** presented by Jonathan Dimbleby and John Cole (1864035)
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax) (s) (34851)
3.00 Columbo: Identity Crisis. Patrick McGoohan directs and stars as an advertising consultant who leads a secret double life as a spy (r) (s) (40880899). Wales: Snooker
4.35 The Clothes Show. Jeff Banks reports from Peru (s) (4849986)
5.25 Antiques Roadshow from Spalding. *(Ceefax) (s) (6206764)*
6.10 News with Chris Lowe. Weather (781832)
6.25 Songs of Praise. *Lord Soper celebrates his 90th birthday with the congregation of the West London Mission. (Ceefax) (s) (320967)*
7.00 As Time Goes By. Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer star in Bob Larbey's romantic comedy. (Ceefax) (s) (5219)
7.30 Lovejoy: The Colour of Mary starring Ian McShane as the shady antiques dealer. (Ceefax) (s) (529696)
8.25 So Haunt Me. Comedy starring Miriam Karlin stars as the ghost of a Jewish mama. (Ceefax) (s) (111764)

The Meldrews: Annette Crosbie, Richard Wilson (8.55pm)

8.55 One Foot in the Grave
● CHOICE: David Renwick's oldie comedy moves easily into its fourth series with our cantankerous hero still utterly ill-equipped to cope with life's everyday irritations. Like *Keeping Up Appearances*, this is essentially a one-joke, one-note show sustained by a brilliant central performance. One five minutes of Victor Meldrew is much like another and the humour is often predictable. When Victor repairs to the lavatory you can be sure that the phone, which has stayed silent for hours, will suddenly ring. But thanks to the wonderful Richard Wilson even the oldest gags come up fresh. Spitting out his dialogue as if it gives him a nasty taste and rumpling his face into yet new expressions of moroseness and disgust and timing it all to perfection, Wilson gives one of television's great comic performances. (Ceefax) (s) (469948)
9.25 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (520649)
9.40 Mastermind. Questions on J.R.R. Tolkien, Russian political history, the Royal Canadian mounted police and the history and politics of Botswana (s) (674344)
10.10 Heart of the Matter: A Debt to the World. Sixty years after Hitler's rise to power, Joan Bakewell explores whether the resurgence of neo-Nazism indicates that Germany will always struggle to be free of racism (129122)
10.45 What Shall We Tell The Children? A series aimed at helping parents to communicate with their children on sex (s) (238493)
11.05 Famously Fluent. Kate Adie talks about Swedish. (Ceefax) (387801). Wales: Snooker
11.10 Doogie Howser MD. Comedy series about a teenage medical genius (s) (114580)
11.35 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore visits radio observatories (s) (995677). Wales. 11.45 Famously Fluent 11.50 Doogie Howser 12.15 The Sky at Night 12.40 Tanhaiyan
11.55 Tanhaiyan. In Urdu with English subtitles (r) (361403)
12.35 Weather (7985081). Wales: 1.20 News and weather

BBC2

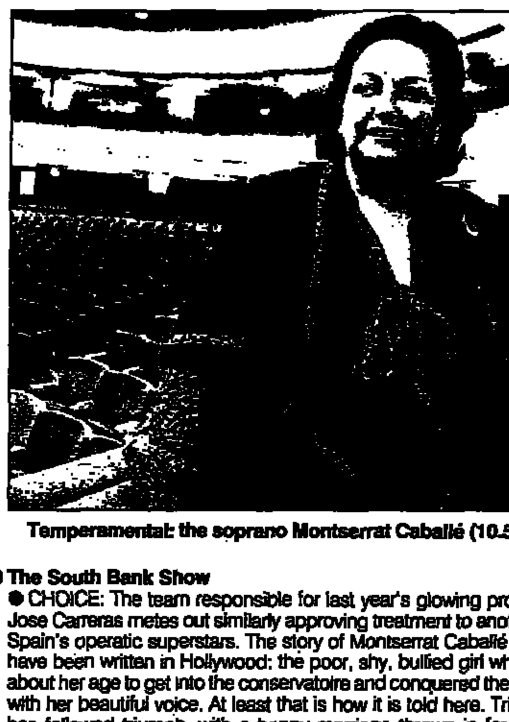
7.30 Tales of a Wise King and the Devil (r) (s) (8903899) **7.35 Felix the Cat** (1048126) **7.50 Playdays** at the Playground Stop (r) (4148899) **8.10 Smoggies** (r) (6780239) **8.35 Opposites Attract** (r) (s) (3438388) **8.50 Christopher Crocodile** (r) (2853851) **8.55 Superbods**. Facts about food (r) (1438108) **9.15 The Animals of Farthing Wood** (r) (9281219) **9.40 Time Busters**. Fantasy game (8588561) **10.05 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2887344) **10.30 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men**. Comedy (r). (Ceefax) (4306219) **10.55 Blue Peter Omnibus**. (Ceefax) (s) (9300899) **11.45 The O-Zone**. Music magazine (s) (4378702)
12.00 Thunderbirds. Classic puppet series (r). (Ceefax) (3169696)
12.50 The Invaders. Vintage science-fiction series (r) (8817899) **1.40 Tex Avery**. Cartoon classics (58457764)
2.00 Regional Westminster Programmes (5078). Northern Ireland: Dull Sa Duira 2.15 Start Your Own Religion; Wales: Week In Week Out
2.30 Millennium: Tribal Wisdom and the Modern World. Anthropologist David Maybury-Lewis looks at how the Kenyan Gabra and the Indonesian Weyewa measure wealth in terms of human relationships (5508847)
3.25 Made by Man. The making and repairing of stained glass (r) (1567493)
3.40 Nathan Milstein: Master of Invention. Rare television film of the virtuoso violinist (s) (2489801)
4.35 Ski Sunday. David Vine and Julian Tutt preview the Alpine World Skiing championships in Japan (4375412)
5.10 Rugby Special. Chris Rea looks ahead to the second round of matches in the five nations championship next weekend (s) (4272764). Wales: Neath v Swansea
6.10 The Natural World: Journey to the Dark Heart. Zoologist Mark Linfield makes an epic journey up the Congo River to the home of the lowland gorillas in the Ndoki Forest. Narrated by Martin Jarvis. (Ceefax) (s) (609851)
7.00 The Money Programme. Tessa Curtis reports on the prospects for a profitable private coal industry in Britain (818967)
7.40 The Adventurers: When the Fat Lady Sings. A year in the life of a venture capital house. In 1991 Grosvenor Venture Managers hired two young investment executives to sort through the hundreds of business proposals that pour into its offices and pick out potential winners. (Ceefax) (s) (732238)
8.20 Dancing: Dance at Court. Tonight's programme explores the relationship between dance and royal power (s) (635986)
9.20 Did You See..? Presented by Tim Rice, standing in for Jeremy Paxman, with guests Lord Healey, writer Angela Huth and Cosmo Landesman, contributing editor to *The Modern Review*. They will be discussing *Europe on the Brink*, *Clive James — Fame in the Twentieth Century* and *Head Over Heels* (s) (109967)

Out of time and place: MacArthur and Urquhart (10.00pm)

10.00 Screen Two: The Long Roads
● CHOICE: John McGrath's sad and touching drama follows an elderly couple from Skye as they visit their five children in various parts of Britain. Since the wife is dying from cancer, it is a journey of farewells. *The Long Roads* is partly a portrait of the marriage, strained by the husband's long absences at sea. It is also a study in how children distance themselves from their parents, as none of the offspring is able to show real affection. McGrath throws in a disenchanted view of Britain itself. Glasgow is a city of rapists, drug pushers and suicides. In Liverpool women do humiliating jobs to pay the bills. In London making money comes before making relationships. Sensitively played by Robert Urquhart and Edith MacArthur, the old Scots travel gamely through this troubled land but they are out of time and place. (Ceefax) (s) (75257)
11.30 Film: Dear America: Letters Home From Vietnam (1987). Marking the peace agreement signed 20 years ago this week, this documentary combines news footage of the war with readings from letters written by GIs. Directed by Bill Couturie (s) (804306)
12.55am Later with Jools Holland featuring Morrissey, Tori Amos, Matthew Sweet, Sonny Landreth and Loyko (r) (s) (4735604). Ends at **1.45**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (7054783)
9.25 Disney Club with Andrea Boardman, Paul Hendy and Richard Orford (5691561)
10.45 Link. Twenty years ago Sally Zinman, a wealthy New York socialite, awoke with almost total amnesia. She is now a leader of the mental patients' movement in America. (Teletext) (8723702)
11.00 Morning Worship from St James's Church in Reading (61493)
12.00 Package Pilgrims. Anne Gregg looks at the holiday attractions around the Sea of Galilee. (Teletext) (s) (61344)
12.30 CrossTalk. The Editor of the *Daily Star*, Brian Hitchen, talks to Peter Allen (s) (89238)
1.00 News and weather (64294257) **1.10 Walden**. Brian Walden interviews the shadow defence secretary, David Clark, MP (s) (7173054)
2.00 Bright Lights, Big City: The Silent Chocolate. Gavin Weightman continues the series on the history of entertainment in London (9899)
2.30 The London Match. Live coverage of the match between Newcastle United and Derby County from St James's Park (s) (956870)
5.00 Wish You Were Here..? (r) (3851)
5.30 Bullseye presented by Jim Bowen (948)
6.00 London Tonight with Alastair Stewart. Weather (710344)
6.15 News with Julia Somerville. Weather (311122)
6.25 Film: Splash (1984). The hit romantic comedy starring Daryl Hannah and Tom Hanks. When a mermaid rescues a young man for the second time, she takes on human form and follows him to New York. Directed by Ron Howard. (Teletext) (s) (41254238)
8.25 You've Been Framed! Jeremy Beadle presents more amateur out-takes (106832)
8.55 News with Julia Somerville. Weather (753899)
9.20 Agatha Christie's Poirot: Yellow Iris. Another stylish mystery starring David Suchet as the fastidious Belgian detective. Two years after Poirot has witnessed a murder in a restaurant, events are about to repeat themselves. (Teletext) (130702)
10.20 Hale and Pace. Gareth and Norman with more of their inimitable brand of humour (288696)



Temperamental: the soprano Montserrat Caballé (10.50pm)

10.50 The South Bank Show
● CHOICE: The team responsible for last year's glowing profile of Jose Carreras metes out similarly approving treatment to another of Spain's operatic superstars. The story of Montserrat Caballé could have been written in Hollywood: the poor, shy, bullied girl who lied about her age to get into the conservatoire and conquered the world with her beautiful voice. At least that is how it is told here. Triumph has followed triumph, with a happy marriage thrown in for good measure. But what of the temperamental diva who has rows with producers and cancels performances? Yes, she can be wilful but heaven help anyone who tries to cross her. Only last year Covent Garden tried to reprimand her for throwing apples. She took full revenge. The film includes the final aria from *Anna Bolena*, specially shot in the Tower of London (s) (763615)
11.50 The James Whale Question. Can killing people be right? (631967)
12.20am Cue the Music. Neil Sedaka in concert (3036178)
1.25 TXT. European chart show (7671739)
2.25 Summerrock. Di Leva in concert at the Roskilde Festival (3090371)
3.30 Snooker. Action between Steve Davis and John Parrott in the European Snooker League (33994)
5.30 ITN Morning News (40517). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (4907141) **6.55 Spiff and Hercules** (3747677) **7.05 Widget** (s) (4914832) **7.30 Sandokan** (83615) **8.00 The Hammerman**. (8020257) **8.25 The Finder** Drama series (7930572) **8.50 Dennis**. Animated adventures of a mischievous boy and his friends (r) (5964764) **9.00 Tintin**. Hergé's hero searches for a missing idol (49122) **9.30 Dennis** (r) (3718306)
9.45 Flipper. Adventures of the friendly dolphin (562590)
10.15 The Miraculous Mellops. Australian fantasy drama (617829)
10.45 Land of the Giants. Vintage American science-fiction series (r) (283238)
11.45 Little House on the Prairie. The trials and tribulations of a close-knit family living in the American mid-west (r) (4949122)
12.35 Battle. Graphic illustration of the aging process (35454899)
12.45 Football Rules. Series explaining the laws of the world's most popular sport (52710144)
12.55 Gazza's Soccer School Paul Gascoigne shares the secret of his soccer skills with a bunch of youngsters (r) (5162257)
1.15 Football Italia. Lazio v Sampdona (57206035)
3.30 Film: Intruder in the Dust (1949, b/w). Powerful adaptation of William Faulkner's novel about racial bigotry in the American south. A young boy (Claude Jarman Jr) and an elderly spinster (Elizabeth Patterson) find evidence to clear a black man (Juano Hernandez) accused of murder. Directed by Clarence Brown (235696)
5.10 News and weather (6486829)

Robert Maxwell: a colossal task for the receivers (5.15pm)

5.15 High Interest: Following the Money.
● CHOICE: The cameras track the teams of receivers as they try to salvage two of Britain's most spectacular business crashes, Robert Maxwell and Windsor Safari Park. The safari story proves the more amenable, partly because it has more or less reached a conclusion. There is the bonus that it is about the fate of animals, as well as humans. The Maxwell section is less satisfactory. It is strong on the colossal size of the task, the unravelling of 400 interconnected companies and the sifting of enough documents to fill a warehouse. We cross to New York as the receivers do battle for access to Maxwell's American debris. But with so much further to go this can only be a preliminary glimpse. Besides, legal constraints mean frequent use of the bleep to blot out sensitive material (6052870)
6.00 Moviewatch. Johnny Vaughan, Tania Guha and Philip Edgar Jones take a look at *Public Eye* and the sequel comedy *Honey I Blew Up the Kids* (431)
6.30 The Wonder Years. American life during the early Seventies, as seen through the eyes of a teenage boy. (Teletext) (783)
7.00 Fragile Earth: Living with the Spill. As the people of the Shetland Islands learn to cope with the *Braer* oil spill, are there lessons to be learnt from Prince William Sound, Alaska, where the *Exxon Valdez* spilled 50 million gallons of crude into the sea? (r). (Teletext) (5798)
8.00 Bernard Herrmann: Music for the Movies. A look at the work of the composer who created music for more than 50 films, collaborating with directors such as Orson Welles (*Citizen Kane*), Alfred Hitchcock (*Psycho*) and Martin Scorsese (*Taxi Driver*). (9986)
9.00 Film: The Gunfighter (1950, b/w). Henry King's finely-observed western starring Gregory Peck as a weary gunman who is desperate to retire and be reconciled with his wife and son. But his reputation dogs him and he is constantly goaded by trigger-happy youths. (84793509)
10.35 American Football: Superbowl XXVII. Live coverage of the match between the Buffalo Bills and the Dallas Cowboys from the Pasadena Rose Bowl (48202615). Ends at **3.00am**

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Food Guide (1919412) **2.00** Highway to Heaven (5833702) **2.55** Film: The Theft of the Mona Lisa (69485899) **4.55** The Village Show (8556162) **5.25** Bullseye (8454122) **5.55-6.15** Anglia News (544122) **12.20** Quiz Night (7049468) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7652604) **3.10** Entertainment UK (4849159) **4.05** Cue the Music (7453913) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (65517)

BORDER
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardener's Diary (1919412) **2.00** Wish You Were Here..? (9899) **2.30** Tennents Sixes (87509) **3.30** Highway to Heaven (28306) **4.30** Bullseye (696) **5.00** Scotsport (2229073) **5.55-6.15** The Border Week (829325) **12.20** Quiz Night (7049468) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7652604) **1.25** Film: The Last Train (930333) **3.10** Entertainment UK (4849159) **4.05** Cue the Music (7453913) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (65517)

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardening Time (1919412) **2.00** Earthfile (90474870) **2.15** Coach (314412) **2.45** The Central Match — Live. Newcastle v Derby (71213306) **5.05** Bullseye (3060870) **5.35-6.15** Highway to Heaven (255054) **12.20** Film: Turn the Key Softly (2852791) **1.50** Cue the Music (4375975) **2.50** Film: A Time to Triumph (488130) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (6207536)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.25-1.00 What the MPs Say (2924238) **2.00** The A-Team (7560883) **2.55** Film: Lost in London (42500899) **4.40** Bullseye (2549458) **5.10-6.15** Coronation Street (4269290) **12.20** Quiz Night (7049468) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3844994) **1.25** Film: The Last Train (683913) **3.10** Entertainment UK (4849159) **4.05** Cue the Music (7453913) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (65517)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.30-1.00 HTV Newsweek (89238) **2.00** Wrestling (4513851) **2.55** Film: Tender is the Night (35034141) **5.45-6.20** Bullseye (652580) **12.20** Quiz Night (7049468) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7652604) **1.25** Film: The Last Train (930333) **3.10** Entertainment UK (4849159) **4.05** Cue the Music (7453913) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (65517)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.30pm-1.00 Playback

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.30 Meridian This Week (5145580) **12.50-1.00** Meridian News (53160685) **2.00** Highway to Heaven (38219) **3.05** Film: Assassination Bureau (27619870) **5.15** Bullseye (3069141) **5.45-6.15** I Can Do That (652580) **12.20** ITV Chart Show (9982420) **1.20** Film: Stone Pillow (931062) **3.05** Terrorvision (81038468) **3.25** Meridian This Week (80768826) **3.55** The Pier (8461826) **4.30** Videofashion (14371) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (65517)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.25 Tyne Tees News Review (9827752) **12.50-1.00** Tyne Tees News (53160685) **2.00** Disney Special: Lefty (5833702) **2.55** Tyne Tees Match — Newcastle United v Derby County (71226870) **5.20** Bullseye (8455851) **5.50-6.15** The Power Game (936054) **12.30** Quiz Night (7049468) **12.50** Memories Of 1973 (5581710) **1.50** Zara Dhyan Den (9680536) **1.55** Film: Hukumat (39371772)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Westwise (191412) **2.00** Westcountry Update (9899) **2.30** An Invitation to Remember (Brian Rix) (832) **3.00** Film: A Time to Triumph (78931031) **4.45** Bullseye (933696) **5.15** Heart of the Country (930509) **5.45-6.15** Members Only (939141) **12.20** Quiz Night (7049468) **12.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7642604) **1.25** Film: The Last Train (930333) **3.10** Entertainment UK (4849159) **4.05** Cue the Music (7453913) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (65517)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.25 The Littlest Hobo (8827752) **12.50-1.00** Calendar News (53160685) **2.00** Disney Special (5833702) **2.55** Film: Thunder Bay (James Stewart, Joanne Dru, Gilbert Roland) (87153580) **4.50** Dinosaurs (7106621) **5.20** Bullseye (8455851) **5.50-6.15** Calendar (936054) **12.20** Quiz Night (7049468) **10.30** Memories of 1973 (5581710) **1.50** Zara Dhyan Den (9680536) **1.55** Film. Hukumat (39371772) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (4316401)

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Starts: 7.05 Widget (4914832) **7.30** Sandokan (83615) **8.00** Hammerman (8020257) **8.25** The Finder (7930572) **8.50** Dennis (5964764) **9.00** Jeffin (49122) **9.30** Dennis (3718306) **9.45** Flipper (562590) **10.15** Miraculous Mellops (617829) **10.45** Land of the Giants (283238) **11.45** Little House on the Prairie (4949122) **12.35** Gerald McBoing on the Planet Moo (35454899) **12.45** Siarad Plaen (1912509) **1.10** Magic Roundabout (34734412) **1.15** Football Italia (57206035) **3.30** Tears of the Dragon (26948) **4.30** Rosey and Buddy (238) **5.00** Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol (1493) **5.30** Pobol Y Cwm (94837431) **7.15** Bwrw'r Sul (468986) **8.05** Hel Straeon (116219) **8.35** Llefio! (8048290) **9.45** Newyddion (924986) **9.50** Saith Diwrnod Ar Y Sul (301986) **10.05** Snwcer (280054) **10.35** American Football (48202615) **3.00** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Hour of Power (78870) **7.00** Fun Factory (1719493) **11.30** The World Tomorrow (40899) **12.00** Lost in Space (39257) **1.00pm** Robin of Sherwood (15677) **2.00** Trapper John (76851) **3.00** Eight is Enough (44615) **4.00** UK Top 40 (23122) **5.00** All American Wrestling (2528) **6.00** The Simpsons (28141) **7.00** 21 Jump Street (72986) **8.00** The Critical List: Robert Wagner stars in the first of a two-part mini series (52122) **10.00** Entertainment Tonight (71257) **11.00** Fashion TV (24851) **11.30** Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise Europe (3672257) **9.30** Frost on Sunday (48986) **11.30** The National Gallery — A Private View (87948) **12.30pm** *Financial Times* Business Weekly (61122) **1.30** Target (62851) **2.30** Roving Report (12073) **3.30** The Lords (98764) **4.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (4829) **5.00** Live at Five (36073) **6.30** Roving Report (97764) **7.30** *Financial Times* Business Weekly (1526) (52632) **9.30** Target (88677) **10.30** Roving Report (24257) **11.30** ABC News (94526) **12.30am** Those Were The Days (88401) **1.30** ABC News (62246) **2.30** Target (55064) **3.30** ABC News (73401) **4.30** The National Gallery — A Private View (15926) **5.30-6.00** Beyond 2000 (95081)

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (42141)
8.00 Cockeyed Cowboys of Calico County (1970): Comedy western (90431)
10.00 Treasure Island (1974): Animated version of the classic adventure story (50696)
11.30 Tall Gunner Joe (1977): The rise and fall of Senator Joseph McCarthy (114967)
2.00pm A Thousand Heroes (1991): Pilot Charlton Heston struggles to land his stricken DC-10 (802219)
3.35 Defending Your Life (1991) Comedy starring Albert Brooks and Meryl Streep who meet on the way to Heaven (975677)
5.30 Xposure: Film news (8677)
6.00 Body Slam (1987): Comedy starring Rowdy 'Roddy' Piper as a wrestling rock 'n' roll star (75073)
8.00 Victim of Beauty (1991): Beauty queen Jen Lynn Ryan becomes a kidnapper's target (47290)
10.00 Marked for Death (1990): Steven Seagal combats drug-dealers (965306)
11.35 Steel and Lace (1990): Bruce Davison creates a killer android (700603)
1.10am Sher Mountain Killings Mystery (1990). Australian drama (7346772)
2.25 The Sitter (1991): Horror story about a deranged babysitter (9538517)
3.55 Out on Bail (1990) Robert Ginty refuses to commit murder in exchange for his freedom (566772) Ends at **5.35**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm Dead Reckoning (1947, b/w) Former paratrooper Humphrey Bogart searches for an army colleague (8122)
6.00 The Wrecking Crew (1969). Dean Martin stars in the last film in the *Matt Helm* series (33035)
8.00 Eye of the Needle (1981): German spy Donald Sutherland has an affair with British widow Kate Nelligan (38580)
10.00 The Shining (1980): Stephen King horror starring Jack Nicholson and Shelley Duvall (29344). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.00am Rope of Sand (1949, b/w) Various factions seek hidden diamonds (26344)
9.00 Victim of Innocence (1990): Anthony John Denison's Vietnamese daughter moves to the States (85509)
11.00 Sleeping Beauty: Morgan Fairchild stars in the classic fairy-tale (99054)
1.00pm Puss in Boots (1987): Jason Connery stars as Dick Whittington (89325)
3.00 Death of a Gunfighter (1969): A sheriff refuses to relinquish his authority (98344)
5.00 Holiday on the Buses (1973): Cinema version of the seventies television comedy starring Reg Varney (12801)
7.00 9½ Ninjas (1990): Romantic comedy starring Andee Gray (17696)
8.00 Thelma and Louise (1991): Ridley Scott's road movie, starring Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon, who keep one step ahead of the law (10673122)
11.15 Spymaker: the Secret Life of Ian Fleming (1991): Jason Connery stars as the James Bond author (980986)
1.00am Sweet Poison (1991). Patricia Healy colludes with Steven Bauer to murder her husband (568894)
2.45 She Said No (1990): Rape victim Veronica Hamel seeks justice (45743371)
5.00 His Girl Friday (1940): Newspaper editor Cary Grant will stop at nothing to win back Rosalind Russell (78468). Ends at **6.30**

SKY SPORTS
6.00am Test Match Cricket. India v England (4642772) **11.00** Goals on Sunday (43035) **12.00** The Club Show (86412) **12.30pm** Gillette Sports (84306) **1.00** WWF Mania (72561) **2.00** Super Sunday (6494832) **7.00** Australian Open Tennis (68344) **9.00** Welsh Open Snooker (93493) **11.00** Test Match Cricket (20967) **1.00am** Super Sunday (33884) **3.00** Gillette Sports (84623) **3.30-6.00** Test Match Cricket (512130)

EUROSPORT
7.00am Step Aerobics (53764) **8.00** Euroscores Magazine (58493) **8.30** Trans World Sport (73122) **9.30** Free Style Skiing (54344) **10.30** Ski Jumping World Cup (992967) **1.30pm** Cyclo Cross World Championships (15967) **2.30** Nordic Skiing (25561) **3.30** Boxing (37238) **5.00** Ski Jumping (63141) **6.30** Cyclo Cross (24493) **8.30** Cyclo Cross Golden Rings (8580) **9.00** Boxing (64493) **10.30** Billiards (94615) **11.30-12.00** Euroscores Magazine (31702)

SCREENSPORT
6.00am Basketball (18412) **7.00** Volvo PGA Golf (66238) **8.00** UK Professional Billiards (267783) **11.00** Pro Box (39696) **1.00pm** European Snooker League (36257) **3.00** Volvo PGA Golf (68219) **4.00** World Snooker Trickshot (2306) **5.00** Basketball Bundesliga (97219) **8.00** Pro Kick (98948) **9.00** Top Match Football (91035) **11.00** Volvo PGA European (55870) **12.00-1.00am** Ladies Pro Ten Pin Bowling (47159)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (57417344) **6.15** Button Moon (57412899) **6.30** Dangermouse (9596257) **7.00** Lassie (2959035) **7.30** Owl TV (2961870) **8.00** Hot Dog (5514986) **8.30** Rentaghost (5513257) **9.00** Dr Who Omnibus (6586572) **10.30** Film: The Spy With My Face (1966) (9431122) **12.00** Film: The Bells of St Mary's (1945, b/w) (2732238) **2.30pm** To the Manor Born (7388219) **3.00** The Bill Omnibus (5199783) **5.30** Pride and Prejudice (6880306) **6.30** The District Nurse (7303526) **7.00** Sorry! (1504696) **7.30** To the Manor Born (7392412) **8.00** To Serve Them All my Days (1382238) **9.00** Film: The Emerald Forest (1985) (1385325) **11.00** Ripping Yarns (5318847) **11.30** Alas Smith and Jones (9576493) **12.00-1.00am** In Concert, Steve Miller Band (3543791)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 Sunday Morning Concert: BBC Concert Orchestra performs Smetana (Overture, the Bartered Bride); Johann Strauss, son (Kaiser Waltz); Bliss (Ballet for Children; Reconstruction; Theme and Reconstruction, Things to Come); Grieg (The Last Spring); Gershwin (Rhapsody No 2); Holst (A Fugal Overture); Balfour Gardiner (Shepherd Fennel's Dance); Robert Farnon (A la Claire Fontaine); Koper (The Swan of Pesaro); Novak (Slovak Suite)
9.00 News
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning: J Strauss, son (Tales from the Vienna Woods); J.C. Bach (Wind Symphony No 1 in E flat). **9.30** Artist of the Week. Joshua Bell, violin, plays Saint-Saëns (Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso); Sor, arr Segovia (Variations on a theme of Mozart); Tchaikovsky (Capriccio Italien); Adolfo Bano (Waltz; Mazurka); Hummel (Trumpet Concerto in E flat); **10.33** *Composer of the Week* preview: Brahms (Alto Rhapsody); Vivaldi (Concerto in D, La Pastorella, RV95); Tallis (Spem in alium); Poulenc (Suite française); Massenet (Méditation, Thaïs); Elgar (Enigma Variations)
12.00 Spirit of the Age: Bach Concertos that Might Have Been. George Pratt unearths some concertos hidden within Bach's music **1.00pm News**
1.05 Selected Poets. Peter Porter introduces poetry readings by C. Day Lewis in 1972
1.20 From the Proms 1992. BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes performs Rossini (Overture, William Tell); Britten (Piano Concerto. Leif Ove Andsnes), Shostakovich (Symphony No 15). Including at **2.05** Interval Reading
3.05 A Play of Passion: Fretwork Viol Consort, with Michael Chance, countertenor, and Jeremy Budd, treble, performs a programme of consort and theatre songs, pavans and galliards (r)
4.15 Mozart: Endellion Quartet, with Roger Chase, viola, performs String Quintet in D, K593 (r)
4.45 Sura Cherkassky, piano, performs Bach, transcr Busoni (Chaconne in D minor); Schumann (Etudes symphoniques, Op 13); Chopin (Ballade No 4 in F minor, Op 52; Nocturne in F minor, Op 55 No 1; Scherzo No 4 in E, Op 54); Ives (Three-page Sonata); Pabst (Concert Paraphrase on Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin). Including at **5.25** Interval Reading (r)
6.30 Lutoslawski: London Sinfonietta under Elgar Howarth, with Christopher van Kampen, cello, performs (Grave for cello and strings; Sacher Variation for solo cello; Preludes and Fugue for 13 strings) (r)
7.30 Sunday Play: Return to Krnov
● CHOICE. Peter Tegel's play about a man (Hugh Dickson) who journeys from England to his native Czechoslovakia in 1989 hoping to find the key to himself in his father's grave, will strike a chord in anyone (your previewer included) who is a mosaic of nationalities. Certainly, memory does not hold the key for Tegel's traveller. Disorientated in both time and place, he can recall nothing of his boyhood in the country he left in 1939. *Return to Krnov*, a sensitive play at the human level, is also sensitive to the political cross-currents of 1989
8.45 London Symphony Orchestra under Richard Hickox performs Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 5 in E flat, Emperor); Elgar (Oratorio, The Light of Life: London Symphony Chorus). Including at **9.30** Interval Reading
10.50 The Cuckoo and the Nightingale: Simon Preston performs Handel's Organ Concerto, and the English Concert under Trevor Pinnock performs Handel's Concerti Grossi, Op 3
11.15 Music in Our Time: Christopher Fox presents a concert by the Dutch street band, Orkest de Volharding, from the IJsbreker Hall, Amsterdam
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday from Westminster Abbey (s) **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm: Oliver Walston breakfasts with John Mulvenna, president of the Ulster Farmers' Union **7.40** Sunday **7.55** Weather **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 Marti Caine speaks for the *Week's Good Cause* about Hodgkin's Disease Association for people with lymphoma **8.55** Weather
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from St Michael's School, Tawstock, Devon
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus (s)
11.15 News Stand, with Martin Wainwright (s)
11.30 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle (r) (s)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the psychiatrist Dr Anthony Storr
1.00 The World This Weekend, with Nick Clarke **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Clay Jones chairs a postbag edition (s)
2.30 Classic Serial: Madame Bovary, by Gustave Flaubert. Translated by Alan Russell and dramatised by Christopher Reason (s)
3.30 Immortal Diamonds: Freddie Jones reads the poetry of Thomas Hardy (r) (s)
4.00 Analysis: David Walker examines Britain's national culture (r) (s)
4.47 More Wrestling Than Dancing
● CHOICE: David Moreau, who encounters more of life's oddities than most of us, begins his resumed series with his gardener who ended up in the *Guinness Book of Records*. For 37 years, he resided in Moreau's front garden in a wheeled box 3ft by 4ft by 5ft, and before that, dwelled for seven years in a wheelbarrow. He had a ramshackle philosophy to go with his ramshackle existence, refusing to wear a zipper in his trousers in case he was struck by lightning. He was, says Moreau, not exactly crackers, more a magisterial eccentric in the ancient British tradition
5.00 John Cole in the Lakes: Last in the series (r) (s)
5.30 Poetry Please! from the Brentwood Festival (s) **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 Loss of Innocence. The fourth of six talks by Misha Glenny (r)
6.30 World of Mouth, with Frank Delaney (r) (s)
7.00 Nearest and Dearest: Anne Brown reports on paternal bonding (r)
7.30 Bookshelf: The American author Joyce Carol Oates talks to Christopher Bigsby (r) (s)
8.00 A Taste of ... Serbo-Croat: Ray Gosling asks former Yugoslavs: "a broken country — a split tongue?" (r)
8.30 Living Dangerously: Roger Graef talks to lawbreakers
9.00 The Natural History Programme, presented by Jessica Holm (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) **9.59** Weather **10.00 News**
10.15 The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes: The Yellow Face. Clive Merrison and Michael Williams star as Holmes and Watson in the second of four stories featuring Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's immortal detective (r) (s)
11.00 In Committee, presented by Mike Fairbairn
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Dr Mary Berry reflects on the influence of the controversial 12th-century theologian Peter Abelard on the Cistercian Order. The Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge under Dr Berry sing Gregorian chants associated with Peter Abelard. Recorded in Pontigny Abbey in France (s)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (**LW** only)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: FM-90.2-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Classic FM: FM-100-102

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW**. **4.00am** Nessie James (FM only until 6.00am) **7.00** Gary Davies with The Weekend Breakfast Show **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1 FM **2.30** Rockline **4.00** The UK Top 40 with Bruno Brookes **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Anne Nightingale's Request Show **10.00** Gary Davies (FM only from 12.00) **1.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Barbara Sturgeon **7.00** Don Maclean **9.05** John Sachs **10.30** Brian Hayes on Sunday **12.00-7.00pm** The Vintage Years: Desmond Carrington; **2.00pm** Benny Green; **3.00** Alan Dell; **4.00** Sidney Torch, **4.30** Sing Something Simple; **5.00** Charlie Chester; **7.00** Richard Baker **8.30** Sunday Half Hour from St Luke's, Redcliffe Square, Earls Court **9.00** Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme: Shakespeare, the Film's the Thing **12.05am** Nick Barraclough's New Country **12.35** Charles Nove with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **2.00pm**. **3.40am** Test Match Special: India v England **6.00** World Service **6.30** Test Match Special **8.30** Weekend Edition Update **8.50** Test Match Special **11.00** The Dream Friend, by Bev Doyle (2/3) **11.30** Fantasy Football League **12.30pm** Simon Fanshawe's Sunday Brunch **1.40** Open Forum **2.00** Body Talk **2.30** Where Were You In ... 1988? (r) **3.00** Sunday Sport **6.00** A Century Remembered (5/10) **6.30** Education Matters **7.15** How We Worked Then (r) **7.30** Italianissimo Extra **8.00** Language Live **9.30** Box 13 **10.10** Across the Line, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport **3.40** Test Match Special: India v England, fourth day

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Murder by any other name

Nigella Lawson questions the partiality of *The Execution Protocol* and deplores the pretensions of the Nilsen interview

TV REVIEW

A MAN with candid blue eyes and a regular-guy mien — neat beard, lumberjack shirt, low, measured tones — is talking. He is concerned about the softly, softly approach of the Potosi Correctional Center, whose discordantly euphemistic name hides the fact that it was once the Missouri State Penitentiary, and is still the place where murderers are sent to be bumped off: a kind of Fatal Correction.

The "lethal injection" machine used there disturbs him: it is *morally ambiguous, meretricious*. The kind of desirable execution he has in mind would be "the most gruesome method going". What he wants is to draw attention to what is going on, to stop people turning a blind eye, "to wake the public up to the fact that it's murder".

Of course he's right. It *is* murder. But there is a blot on this morally cloudfree landscape: this man with the nice blue eyes and gentle voice is himself a murderer. He is an inmate, awaiting execution.

This shouldn't make any difference. If something is so, then it is, no matter who says it. But, in the context of Stephen Trombley's documentary film *The Execution Protocol* (BBC2, last Saturday), it does make a difference.

Trombley has said elsewhere how unexpectedly "normal" the inmates, these dangerous murderers, turned out to be. How this could ever be construed as a source of reassurance or relief I cannot fathom: it is the kindly ordinariness of the torturer, the butcher, the casual or organised killer — throughout history — that chills. A slobbering madman with a histrionic way of letting us know just what he's about: now, *that* would let us relax a little. We'd be scared, but unsurprised.

But Trombley has been seduced by the normalness, the niceness even. After all, he spent seven months in Potosi; he hung out with these guys, got to know them, got to like them. He is even writing a biography of one of them. These things happen: in another context it might matter less: here, where the lack of narrative voice-over would seem to confirm the avowed drive *towards objectivity*, the partialness it provokes is scandalous.

Not once is any question asked about the murders committed by inmates: nothing must interfere with their depiction as victims. On one occasion, an inmate does make some mention himself. Look, he says, "my death isn't going to bring that man back. It's just going to create more victims." There's something so disgustingly cynical about a man who's actually gone out and murdered someone saying that.

All this is a weakness in Trombley's film, and detracts from the essential rightness of his argument. There is something that *morally jars about the death sentence*: I agree with his implicit condemnation of it. But the way — or one of the ways — he tries to steer us towards this conclusion muddies the issue. Other aspects of the film are markedly less flawed.

What is wrong with capital punishment is not that murderers can be decent, articulate guys who clean up nice for a camera, but that *if it is wrong to murder, it is wrong* for the state to murder. Sympathy, or lack of it, for the individual murderers shouldn't come into it. These men are not victims, they are vile, unspeakable takers of lives: the point is not to stand up for them, but against the death sentence.

The moral self-justification of those who carry out the death sentence *is always particularly unpalatable*. Here, in Potosi, it is execution by committee. No one person must ever be held or hold himself culpable for ending another's life. Here is where the lethal injection machine comes in: two people must press the button, the computer within chooses to react to one of those depressed buttons at random and no one will ever know whose *finger has done it*.

A boardroomful of staff discuss routine, scheduling, who will do what. The chaplain defends capital punishment by explaining it along the "render to Caesar what is Caesar's" line: it's a matter for the *state, not the spirit*.

Death by dagger, by injection: "What is wrong with capital punishment is that if it is wrong to murder, it is wrong for the state to murder"

The doctor performs a medical just before the execution *to reassure himself* the inmate "is conscious, alert and physically able to withstand the execution" — whatever that means. A prison officer chants: "I'm an instrument of the state. I have a job to do . . . I never killed anybody but this individual has been convicted thereof and so this is the ultimate penalty that will be carried out and we are the instrument whereby it is carried out."

The locals appreciate Potosi's contribution to the economy, and — green thoughts in a green age — defend it as being "a non-polluting type of industry, not pumping chemicals into the air or into the *streams*". *So that's OK, then.*

Trombley's film was flawed; its integrity, however, does emerge. Not so *Murder in Mind* (Tuesday, ITV), which was more than just a demonstration of bad faith: it was a breathtaking demonstration of bad television. Whatever one thinks about the rights and wrongs of allowing Dennis Nilsen to describe his crimes on television, this programme could not fail to offend, irritate and, even, bore.

It was unintelligent, clumsy and both vulgar and dull at the same time, which is some achievement. The pretence was that it was about *investigating the mind of a serial* killer in order to curb future attacks by other, as yet undetected, serial killers. The means by which this is apparently done is the "psychological profile", which on the evidence of Tuesday's programme is a laboriously filled-in questionnaire drawn up by cops and medics on the serial-killer conference circuit. None of the findings they spend so long collating with their colleagues and computers seemed to offer anything other than common sense would.

A number of women are found raped and stabbed to death: psychological profilers, after intense *reflection, suggest that the offender* is "probably a man aged 25-40", who "knows how to use a knife", is "from an unprivileged background", drives "a functional, not stylish car" and "probably is sexually maladjusted". From this they earn a living?

No indication was given in the programme that any of this activity actually ever helps to find the killers. I'm sure it must be thought to, but as it was explained on the programme, you would be hard pushed to see how. Those that are found largely seem to make mistakes that enable them to be tracked — *like Nilsen, for example, whose* overflowing drains, clogged with human debris, gave him away.

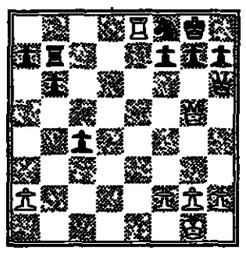
And if you thought *having him* expatiate *on what it pleased him to* call "the little conundrum" was in bad taste, Central's little crowd-pulling trick halfway through the programme was giddyingly offensive. Just before the commercial break, an appetite-whetting clip of Nilsen speaking was flashed up on the screen emblazoned with the words: "Coming next".

After progammes as bad as this one, I can scarcely mourn the fact that this is the last of my television reviews. But otherwise I've enjoyed it — and I hope you have, too.

● *Lynne Truss returns next week.*

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

STIFFY
a. A corpse
b. A paralysed beggar
c. Solitary confinement

RAVANASTRON
a. The Hindu violin
b. A shooting star
c. A crystalline quartz

INTERDINE
a. To dine together
b. An intercalary day
c. To forbid

COLULUS
a. A reed whistle
b. Bit of a spider
c. A South American monkey

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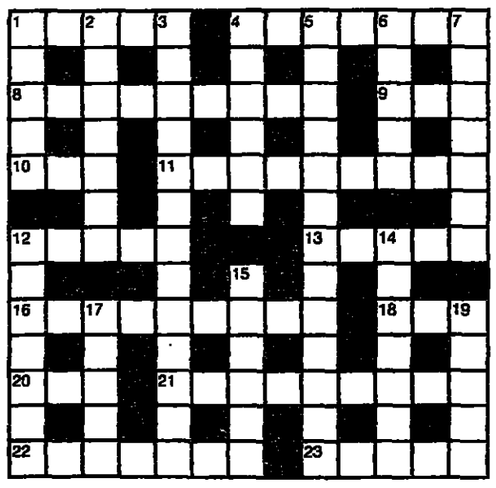

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1 W African savanna (5)
4 Snake (7)
8 Handed over (9)
9 Shaft (3)
10 Light touch (3)
11 Huge beast (9)
12 Put off (5)
13 Maps book (5)
16 Submarine viewer (9)
18 Deity (3)
20 Sweet potato (3)
21 Begun (9)
22 Six-sided polygon (7)
23 Deep ravine (5)

DOWN
1 Supported faction (5)
2 Largest flatfish (7)
3 Road/rail barrier (5,8)
4 Make great effort (6)
5 Sudden arousal (4,9)
6 *Third planet (5)*
7 News (7)
12 Two-panelled painting (7)
14 Cargo barge (7)
15 Magic drink (6)
17 Rebalance recording (5)
19 Cleverly evade (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 3008

ACROSS: 1 Pharmacy 5 Full 9 Learner 10 Thumb 11 Smug 12 Forbear 14 Record 16 Talent 19 Funeral 21 Loam 24 Use in 25 Woomera 26 Dine 27 Free hand

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Life, death and a weekly winner

TV PREVIEW

● **Casualty**
Tonight, BBC1, 7.50pm
This is the hundredth episode of the hospital drama series that Professor Anthony Clare, one of the programme's *15 million fans, holds up as "the absolute* ideal mix of acute drama, life and death" *(Nigella Lawson writes)*. More polished than its early days, and with fewer politically rough edges, *Casualty* goes from strength to strength — thanks to good scripts, snappy direction and unobtrusively *impressive acting*.

● **Screen Two: The Long Roads**
Tomorrow, BBC2, 10pm
Written by John McGrath, founder of the 7:84 theatre company, and directed by Tristram Powell, who also directed Andrew Davies's brilliant television adaptation of *The Old Devils*, *The Long Roads* is a poignant but unsentimental story of an elderly couple's journey to visit their five children — very different people leading very bruisingly different lives — decided on when old Kitty is diagnosed as having terminal cancer. The journey, planned as a way of taking stock and taking leave, becomes a voyage of discovery, with Kitty and her husband, Peter, learning about themselves and the country.

● **Bookmark: The Man from God Knows Where**
Wednesday, BBC2, 8.10pm
This programme comes but once every other week, so grab it when you can. Tonight's edition is a good catch: the subject is Brian Moore, the man whom Graham Greene hailed as his favourite living writer, than which there can scarcely be a greater accolade. Author of *the The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearn, Colour of Blood, Lies of Silence* and many, many others — his seventeenth novel is out shortly — Moore was born into a large Catholic family in Belfast 71 years ago. He now lives in self-imposed exile in Malibu, reflecting on his writing, the nature of ambition and the fear that fuels it, and his rejected but permeating Irishness.

● **The Mushroom Picker**
Wednesday, BBC2, 9.25pm
The first of a three-part drama series, adapted from the comic novel by the Russian emigré writer Zinovy Zinik. Set in the pre-perestroika Soviet Union and suburban London, it follows Clea, an impressionable English girl (Lynsey Baxter), and Kostya (Nigel Terry), an exuberant Russian with a passion for mushrooms and a tendency to see world history strictly in terms of cuisine, as they meet (in Russia) and end up (in England). In both countries they become embroiled in unlikely and hectically unmanageable situations. Liane Aukin, who has written the screenplay, has previously won a Sony award for her dramatisation of Virginia Woolf's *Between the Acts*, as well as having written episodes of *EastEnders* and *Minder*: a promisingly catholic teleliterary heritage.

GUILTY SECRETS

Robert Key, junior heritage minister

"I LIKE watching the ads. Years ago, the distinguished former MP Sir William van Straubenzee once told me that he watched television solely for the advertisements, so I started looking at them in a new light. Nowadays, I regard them not just as entertainment but as an art form in their own right. What makes a good ad is subjective, of course, but among my favourites are the Tesco series with Dudley Moore and the chickens, the continuing saga of the Gold Blend couple, and, for its enduring appeal, the Andrex puppy and the loo-roll escapade."

Story-teller with a zest for life

Caitlin Moran meets the charismatic leader of the Lemonheads

THE surfer stoops over his guitar. He's *pop-star skinny*, but big: he looks like he could wrestle crocodiles.

Well, not wrestle — tickle them, maybe. He's crooning a song so fragile a baby could snap it in half with its little finger: "If I make it through today, I'll know not to leave my feelings out on display." Evan Dando's songs break your heart, because they broke his to write them — they're about always trusting in just one more person, just in case she's the one, the one who won't screw you up this time.

"I like meeting people and I like flirting; so yeah, *obviously* there's gonna be a couple of *heart-breakages*," he *grins*. Dando — who to all intents and purposes *is* the Lemonheads — is everybody's big brother personified: he'd pull your hair and tease you until you cried, then throw his arms *around you and show you* a battered picture of a girl he'd kept in his pocket for years.

And, by spooky showbiz coincidence, the best thing about his suddenish success is being able to take his sister on tour with him. Awwww, *innit* sweet? "Jeese, y'know, I never got to see her. The only time we'd get to meet up was backstage after gigs, and there'd be all these business guys I'd have to say hallo to as well. They'd all be standing around in suits saying 'Well, ah, we sell your records,' and I'd be like, 'I think I see a blood relative over there. Could you pass her over please?' "

Big brother: Evan Dando takes his sister on tour with him

But Evan hasn't always been able to get a "+1" on his plane tickets and bar bill. "If you know your history, then you'll know where you're coming from," Bob Marley once said, and many a true word has been set to a reggae/salsa beat. I can remember a time when people were polite to you on the streets, when a brand new Metro cost tuppence ha'penny, and the Lemonheads were a bit of a grunge band. Before it became fashionable, mind.

And so last year, just as it *was* becoming vaguely necessary to make your guitars all loud and thundery like, the Lemonheads — with typical perversity — turned down their amps and released *It's a Shame About Ray*; 12 songs of love found, and lost, and found again, all garlanded round with pedal-steel and acoustic guitars. No tune is over three minutes long. "Yeah, we'll have to make the next album very loud and long," he says, "to coincide with the short pop song revival. Or we could go glam. A glam-grunge hybrid is my tip for next year."

But, during those long, dry years, while the Lemonheads *lolled around on pop's sprawling* highway, waiting for the fame wagon to roll along, Evan didn't just twiddle his thumbs and wait for God's magical chord changes to occur to him. No, sirree. He mooched all over the world, hanging out with his network of the famous and the cool, equally split between the surfers and the cerebral. He loves James Joyce — particularly *The Dubliners*. This figures. Each set of his lyrics is a story you can dance to, or cry to, as the mood takes you.

"Yeah, I'd like to write a book," he says. "That'd be cool. They'd have to be short stories, though, to begin with, because you can craft them *into perfect circles. Little links.* A book of short stories would be like a chain-necklace; you'd wanna wear it when you went out; you'd wanna show it to your friends."

The Lemonheads have already invaded a small part of your consciousness: it's that part of your brain *where all the giggling's been* coming from recently. You saw Evan — dressed in a pink fake-fur coat that looked like it had grabbed him from behind and then fainted on him — trashing his way through a grunge version of Simon & Garfunkel's "Mrs. Robinson" on *Top of the Pops*. You then turned the sound up and started *ringing all your friends* when he lapsed into a fey, gargled impression of Morrissey.

You saw him screwing up all the words to the self-same song on *The Word*, before being mobbed by, well, not many girls. But just how many cool people do you think hang out at *The Word* studios?

Like I said, you already know the Lemonheads. The next six months are going to be like watching a friend becoming famous and going global.

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